Last one out,

hit the lights

1996-1997

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Seniors Rebecca Meyer, Jennifer Johanningman, Dorothy Honnert, and Karen Amberger take time to pose for a picture during their break on Kairos 1.

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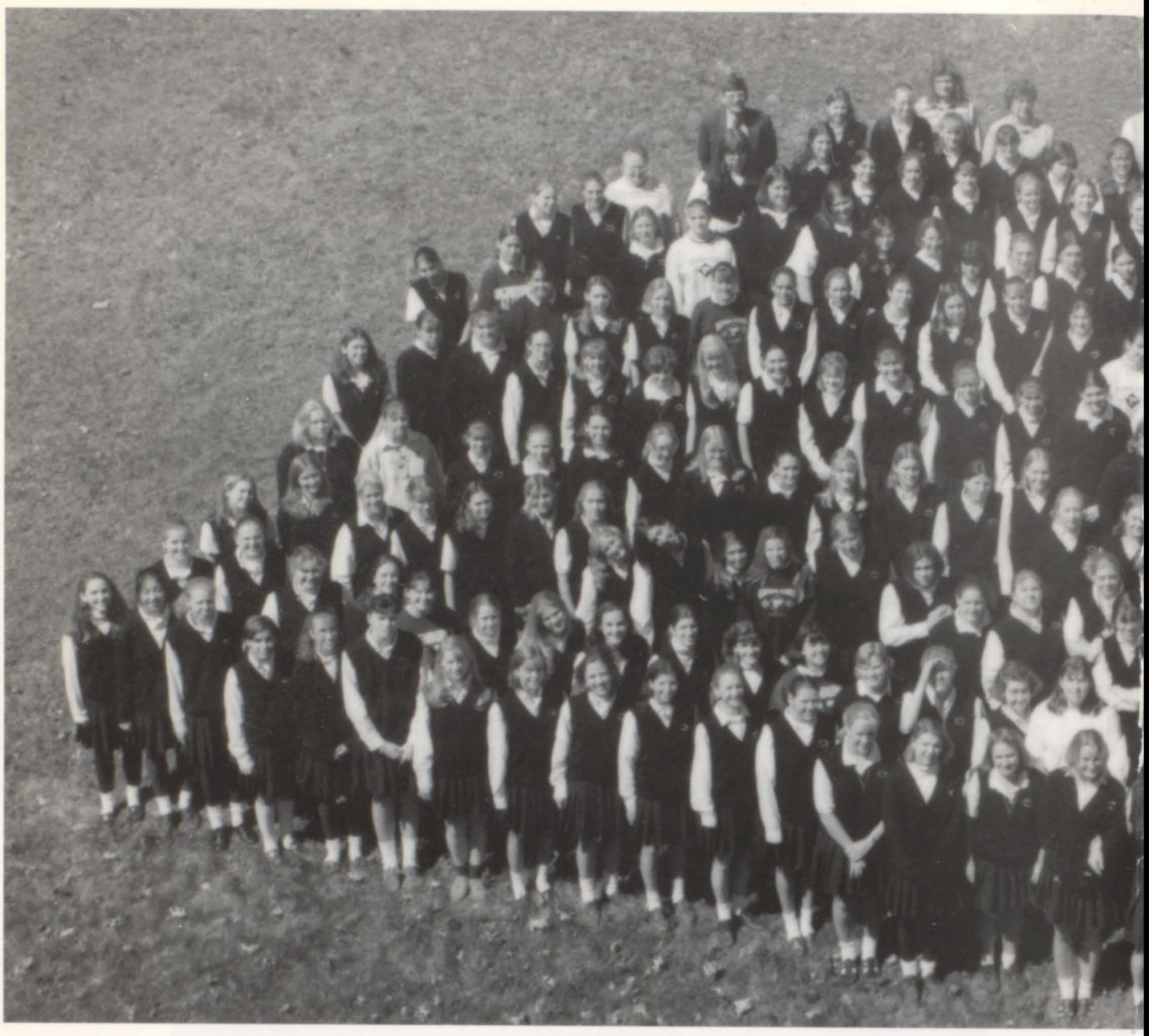

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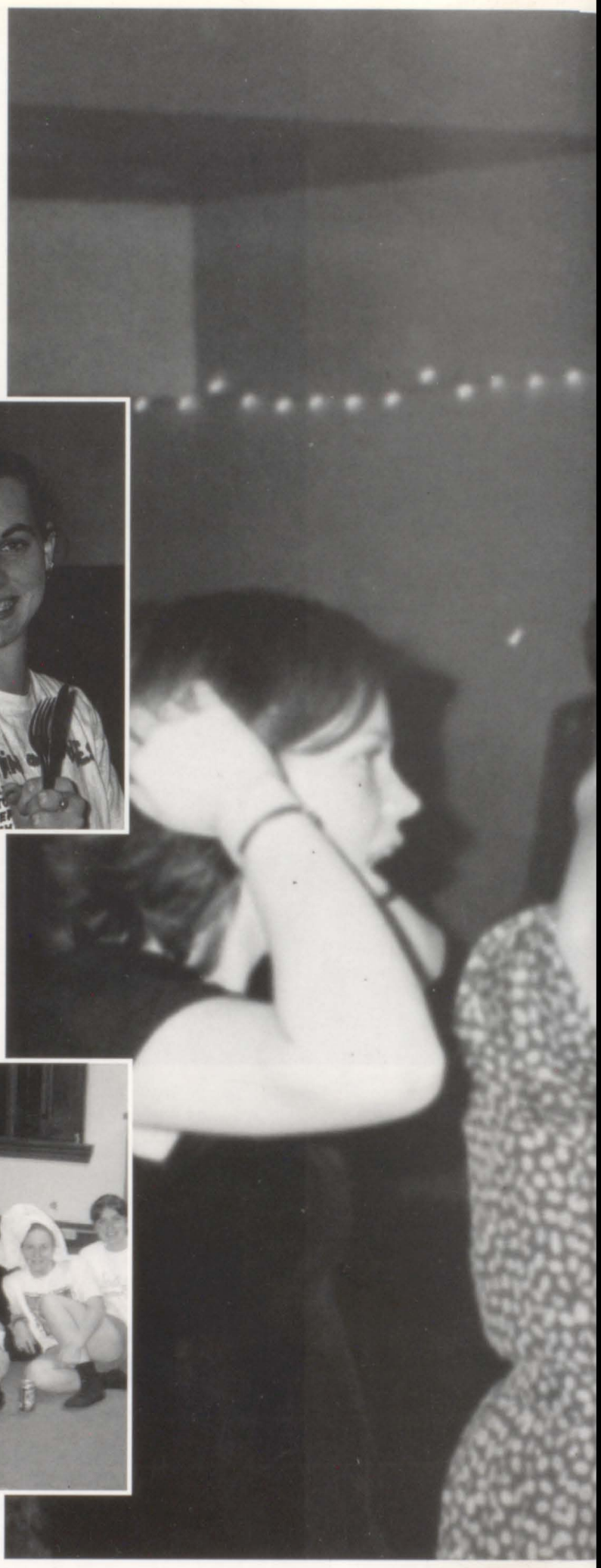


OUT AND ABOUT...4-33

STUDENT LIFE

Time For Torture

Freshman Initiation

By Christy Batta and Kira Stegman

The week of September 3, the freshmen had mixed feelings of nervousness and excitement. They would experience Freshman Initiation through costumes thought out by the seniors. Seniors had to get to school early the week before Initiation to pick their little sisses. Some seniors were even crazy enough to get to school before dawn.

On the first day, Twin Day, the freshmen and the seniors looked alike even though they were a few years apart in age. On Nerd Day, the freshmen turned into nerds with their plaid paints, black-rimmed glasses, and messy hair. On Baby Day, the seniors tortured the freshmen by making them wear diapers or winter P.J.'s and by forcing them to carry around bottles, blankets, rattles, and pacifiers. Then came the most feared day-Anything Day. The seniors were allowed to do anything to embarrass the freshmen. The freshmen were everything from tennis players to Indians.

In the end, the freshmen realized that Initiation wasn't as bad as the rumors had led them to believe. Even though the freshmen may have been worried and scared at the beginning of Initiation, they ended up finding caring senior friends who helped them through the rest of the year.

Above: Freshmen, Regina Yane and Beth Neukam, arent you two a little too old for pacifiers?!

Left: Rachel Konnersman and Courtney Kelly turn their little sisses, Sara Hagedorn and Stephanie Wissel, into babies. Don't they look cute?

Above: Courtney Bell really wishes she could have that bottle. Her little sis, Jessi Williams, stares back with a look that says "Get your own bottle!"

"Freshman Initiation was a great way for the seniors to get to know the freshmen and it let them know that being a freshman is not that bad."
-Courtney Bell, senior

"I thought Freshman Initiation week was a lot of fun and interesting. It was a great time to get to know our seniors."
-Hayley Caudill, freshman

Left: Freshmen, Jessica McIntire and Sandy Gerster get in a little fight with Katy Geisen. "We don't want to play with you. So, there!"

Above: Freshmen, Rita Krekeler Cori Beiersdorfer, and Jessica Holland are looking like real nerds. "Hey guys! How do you like my new suspenders?"

Right: Will Senior Karen Schrank ever let go of junior Jill Harris ???

Below: Seniors Liz Kolter and Kim Hampson inducted juniors Abby Eckstein and Tammie Engelking.

Above: Junior Beth Siefert finds something funny as she is being inducted by senior Beth Fussner, while senior Audra Ransburg tries not to hurt junior Christy Thomas.

Above Right: Senior Sara Simmermeyer and junior Lori Moster pose for the camera.

Right: Senior Leighann Stonefield looks for a place to pin her junior, Heather Monroe.

Below: Junior Elizabeth Wehner gives senior Jami Herbert a big hug after she is inducted.

The juniors are growing up!

Junior Induction

As freshmen, the juniors looked on in amazement as our elders were inducted. As sophomores, the juniors began dreaming of the day when they would become upperclassmen. As juniors, they were finally accepted as responsible young adults.

The pin ceremony is a long standing tradition at the Academy, but it involves so much more than merely accepting a pin. After Induction, the juniors are expected to set a good example for the classes that are under them. Junior Induction also symbolizes adulthood at the Academy, and it means that the juniors will soon be moving onto college.

~Erin Hart

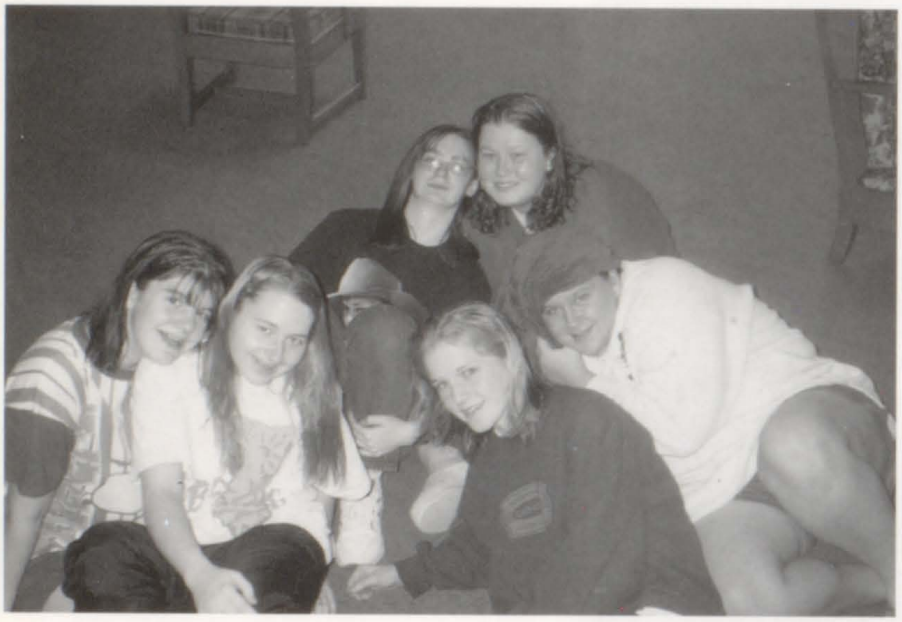
RRRRIIIINNNNGGGG!!!!

This is a familiar sound to Oldenburg Academy residents. This ringing sound is heard throughout the day, and it could mean anything from waking up to dinner to study hall (or a fire, of course).

There are many things residents do to occupy their free time. Most residents take part in sports or other extra-curricular activities. Every Tuesday night is movie night and Wednesday night is--of course!-- Party of Five night! There is also an AikiJitsu class available in the resident building for all students.

by: Jami Herbert and Sarah Kindt

Below: Sophomore Meredith Park takes a break from studying to smile for the camera.



Above: Freshmen residents: Amanda Roehm, Hayley Caudill, Elisha Peetz, Katie Larison, Tabitha Mayes, Jessica Holland

Above Right: Is that you, Patty?

Right: Amber Haislar, Jenny Doherty, and Rachel Gibbs are on their way to breakfast.

Below: Freshman Amanda Roehm notes, "If I would have leaned my head the other way, I would have bashed the lampshade."

Below: Sophomores Jessi Combs, Jenny Hartman, and Andrea Roehm. Jenny, what are you looking at? Jenny?! Jenny?! Oh, Jenny!

Above: Juniors Rachel Gibbs, Megan Lawson, and Jenny Doherty spend their free time doing a wide variety of activities.

Left: Let me outta here!

Left: We wear our shirts tucked in at Oldenburg Academy, Ms. Herron!

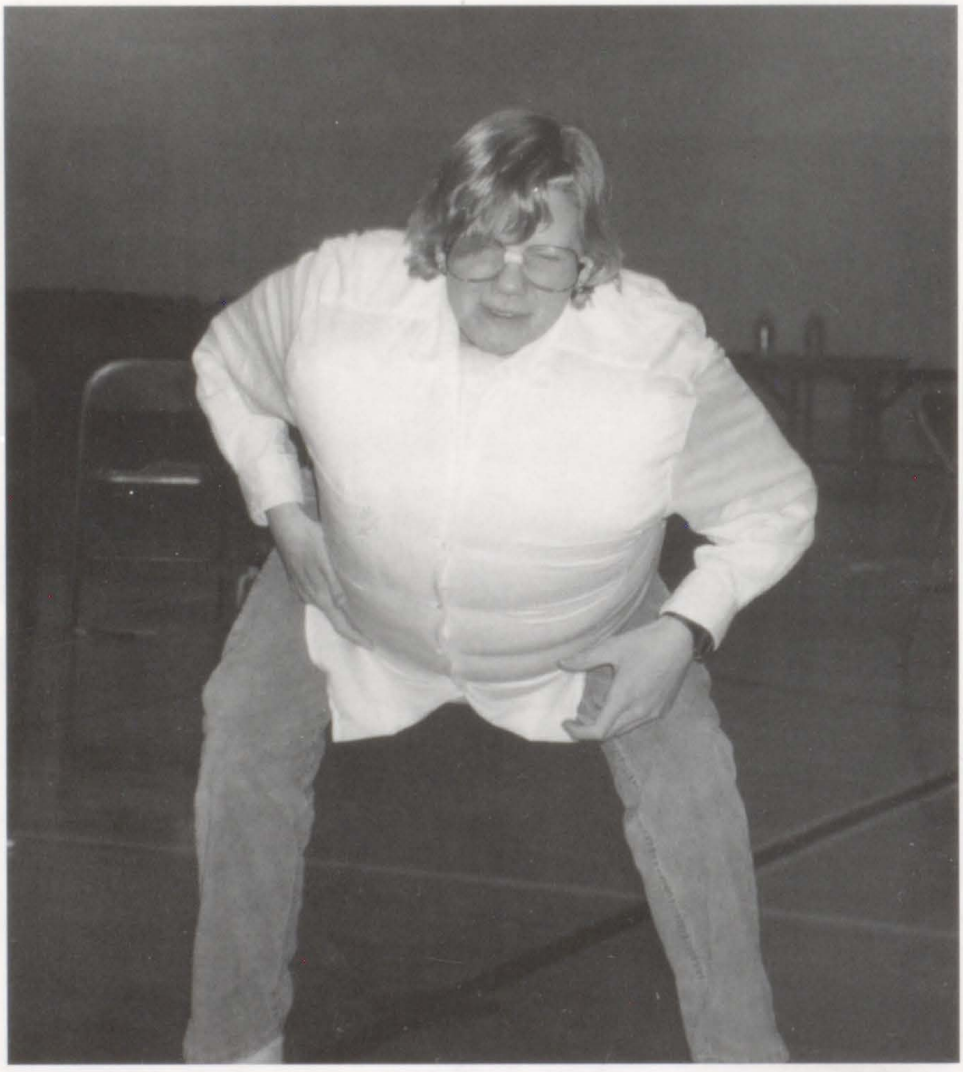
Foreign Language Week: February 24-28, 1997

The week of February 24 was a time of ethnic food, foreign music, and FUN. Foreign Language Week began with a bang on Monday (a.k.a. French Day) and continued with Spanish Day on Tuesday. Students enjoyed croissants and beef burritos at lunch, and exotic music reached their ears between classes. Wednesday was the ultimate day of excitement and activity. During fourth and fifth periods, all foreign language students gathered in the gym for a super-duper, mega-chouette (extra-cool in French) variety show. The acts presented at the mock talent show were very diverse and extremely hilarious. For example, Spanish II helped NKOTB make a very special comeback. Plus, the tiny French IV class bopped around the gym floor in their boxer shorts and embarrassed themselves to death. French III ended up taking away the big prize (which actually turned out to be a pencil sharpener in the shape of the Eiffel Tower) with their excellent rendition of "Saturday Night Live's" Mary Catherine Gallagher sketch. Spanish III came in second place with their peppy, bizarre cheerleading skit.

> "Judging the talent show was cool. They were all so talented!"
> -Erin Gates, judge

Below: "Sometimes, when I get really, really nervous, I stick my fingers under my armpits.....AND THEN I SMELL 'EM!"

Above: Darth Vader boogies with the Spanish IV class.



Right: Noelle Wilhite motivates the student body.

Below: Seniors Mona Bodley and Jenni Blank fight! "Stand Back!"

Tokoshikan Aikijitsu

Tokoshikan Aikijitsu is a form of martial arts study founded by Master Tom Manson. The Academy received its first glimpse of the unique martial art in February of 1996. This self-defense program was started with the fundamental idea that the Academy is preparing its students mentally for college, why not prepare them physically as well?

> "The class is not only fun, but also teaches me how to better prepare myself for college and beyond."
>
> Jenni Blank, Senior

Aikijitsu not only prepares its students for physical confrontations, but also it gives them a renewed sense of confidence. The program teaches the students how to gain and expect the best from life. The students leave with a sense of respect for themselves as well as others.

~ Leighann Stonefield

Left: First Row: (L to R) Jenni Blank, Leighann Stonefield. Second Row: (L to R) Rita Krekeler, Maggie Lewis, Mona Bodley. Third Row: (L to R) Jessica Marting, Jackie Paulson, Meredith Pank.

Father/Daughter Dance

As the school kicked off the second father/daughter dance, the school had even more enthusiasm than the year before. Word got out to dads and daughters who didn't attend that they really missed out on a good time. So on March 1st, 180 of us trucked down to the Plantation in Harrison. Dads came from Indianapolis, from Cincy, and one even came in from Albequerque for one of the most energizing evenings ever.

The Plantation served a buffet style dinner, Mike and Joe were tending the bar making sure we had enough soft drinks and pretzels, Randy was firing away with his camera, the Academy Singers serenaded us with "Candle on the Water", and the Dance Machine kept the tunes rolling. It was definitely a night that the school will never forget.

~ Audra Ransburg

Above: Senior Audra Ransburg teaches Sr. Carol Ann the Macarena.

Right: Mr. Yane and Senior Meaghan Andrews are "doin' a little dance...gettin' down tonight" as they dance to Saturday Night Fever.

Above: Senior Karen Schrank and her dad dancing the night away.

Above: The Academy Singers sounded as good as ever when they sang "Candle on the Water".

Right: Juniors Amber Haislar and Cara Gruber sharing a special moment.

A Bonding Experience

Below: How many times have you seen school secretary, Mrs. Pelsor in these kind of clothes?

On May 17, students and their mothers gathered in the gym for the Mother/Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show. Mothers and daughters socialized and enjoyed a delicious meal. Everyone was entertained by a fashion show put on by Cato Fashions in Harrison. Mothers, daughters, and staff of OA were decked out in outfits suitable for an elegant evening or for some fun in the sun. Who knows? They might even become real models in the future. Door prizes, such as candles, stuffed animals, hair accessories, flowers, and lip gloss, were given away and there were chances to win gift certificates to Cato Fashions.

~Christy Batta

Above Left: Mrs. Batta struts her stuff as Sr. Carol Ann looks on in amusement.

Above: Some of the students and their mothers rush to be first for lunch.

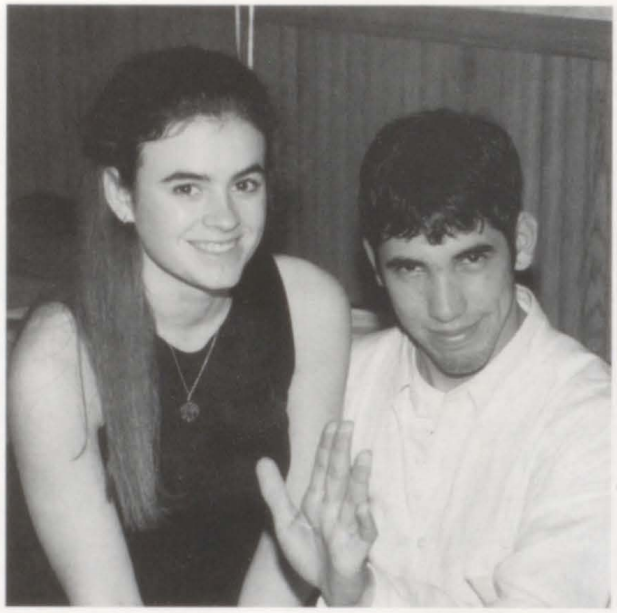
Left: Freshman Amelia Smith and sophomores Amy McGill and Traci Taylor eat lunch with some of their mothers.

Semi '96

Sure, the punch ran out just a little early, and it was hot enough to melt wax. Still, most people had a great time. Becky Bradley was the perfect little princess and Sarah Kindt strutted her stuff as the queen. It was exciting to see OA girls in something other than their uniforms. For some reason, there was definite lack of plaid dresses in the crowd. Go figure!

By: Jessica Marting

Below: Liz Kolter, a senior, enjoys a dance with her date.



Above: Seniors Liz Kolter, Karen Schrank, Megan Westerfeld, Ann Dickmann, and Molly Hoff gather round for a good time.

Above Right: Mindy Dekle, a sophomore, and her date take a break from the party.

Right: Junior Cara Gruber, sophomore Moe Rust, and junior Amber Haislar flash their great smiles for the camera.

Left: Senior Mollie Hoff dances with Mr. Yane.

Below: The 1996 Semi Court.

Above: Seniors Sara Simmermeyer and Beth Fussner dance the night away with junior Shelly Koch.

Left: Seniors Jamie Herbert, Leighann Stonefield, Sarah Kindt, Sarah Brackmann, and Jenni Blank show off their beautiful dresses.

Above: Sophomores Monica Cradler and Traci Taylor flash big smiles for the camera.

Left: Junior Becky Bradley and senior Sarah Kindt hug each other after receiving their crowns.

Angel Eyes

The clear, cool evening of May 10, 1997 was a night of perplexity and anxiety for many juniors, seniors, and their dates as they trampled through the streets of New York City. Although the dance floor lasted no longer than 10 minutes, its quick destruction was a sure sign that everyone was having a great time! Embraced by the downtown lights, the sophomore class officers graciously served punch and mints. Mrs. Yane's English conservatory was converted into Randy's personal photo shoot while eager kin shuffled in to await their turn in front of the camera. The nightfall was highlighted by the seniors as they gathered for one final picture together. As the clock approached 11, the tension was building rapidly for those nominated for prom court. Princess Stacy Weberding and her Prince Michael were beaming when the long awaited moment arrived. Tears of joy flooded Queen Courtney Kelly's eyes as she and her King Jim were given royal treatment. Ultimately, the jig began to wind down. Party-goers meandered to their modes of transportation, and the once overrun city streets became abandoned allies. Prom 1997 was a colossal success, and all were filled with nothing less than a plethora of joyous memories.

> "It was neat to see how the gym can change into New York City for one night."
>
> Shannon Allgeier, senior

~Noelle Wilhite

Below: Junior Princess, Stacy Weberding poses with her prince after the crowning.

Above: Senior Robin Bessler and Junior Amanda Johnson stop at the entrance with their dates for a picture.

Right: Seniors Tara Sharer and Noelle Wilhite take a break from dancing.

Left: The 1997 Prom King and Queen, Courtney Kelly, enjoy being in the spotlight.

Below: The senior class poses for a picture to commemorate their last prom.

Above: Juniors Cara Gruber and Amber Haislar and her date enjoy socializing with each other.

Above Left: Juniors Jill Harris and Carine Bates dancing the night away.

Left: Kristi Hampson, Abbie Enneking, Erin Fledderman, and Janel Moody lookin' groovy.

Fighting For Myself : a dramatic feat

As spring rolled around, the usual anticipation for a dramatic event began to arise. This year the new speech and drama teacher, Shannon McCreery, was the director. She was an inspiration, combining a play which could have been dull with an enthusiastic cast to make a dramatic feat to remember.

Fighting for Myself , written by Renee J. Clark, details some of the many trials which face a teenage girl today. There were eight scenes, each telling of problems which ranged from unpopularity to drive-by shootings. Though the play was heavy, it made the actresses learn a great deal about acting as well as about themselves and was a lesson for the audience.

The cast included Regina Yane, Colleen McCullough, Traci Taylor, Robin Bessler, Jenny Lecher, Jennifer Berning, Monique Rust, Christy McGovern, Amy Palm, Gloria Moster, Rachel Little, Jessica Marting, Meredith Pank, Angela Brackmann, Jessi Combs, Anne Schneider, Becca Ford, Mary Raver, Jessi Williams, Amanda Johnson, Beth Dole, Steph Moll, Amber Haislar, Megan Lawson, Dorothy Honnert, Kira Stegman, and Corrine Kemper.

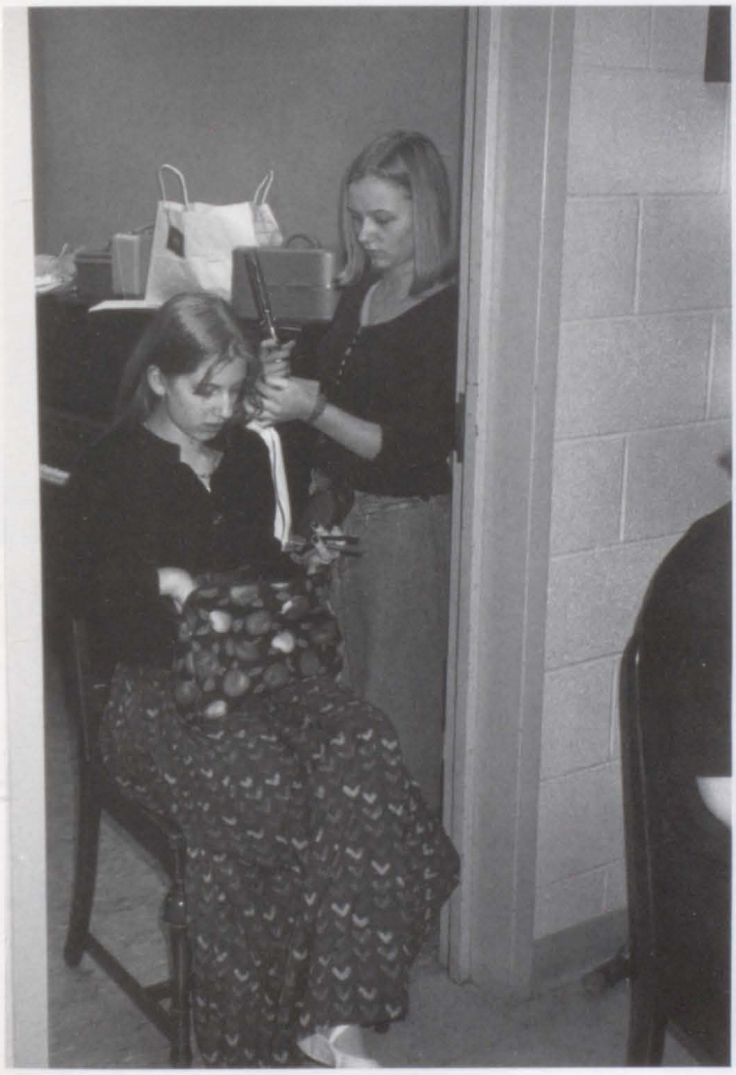
-Amber Haislar

Above: The whole cast after an exhilerating performance.

Right: A fraction of the cast in all their glory.

Below: The Crew. (L to R) Monica Cradler, Maria Kraemer, Emily Nimis, Jessica Ripley (stage manager), Kim Hampson, Anita Adams, Sarah Schneider, and Jessi Faust. Not pictured: Gloria Moster, Student Director.

Below: Traci Taylor brings to the stage the problem of teenage pregnancy.



Left: Drama is 99% preparation, as proven by junior Amanda Johnson and sophomore Colleen McCullough.

Above: Monique Rust and Amanda Johnson examine a painful topic in a climatic scene.

Left: A little pre-show touch-up for chorus member Beth Dole.

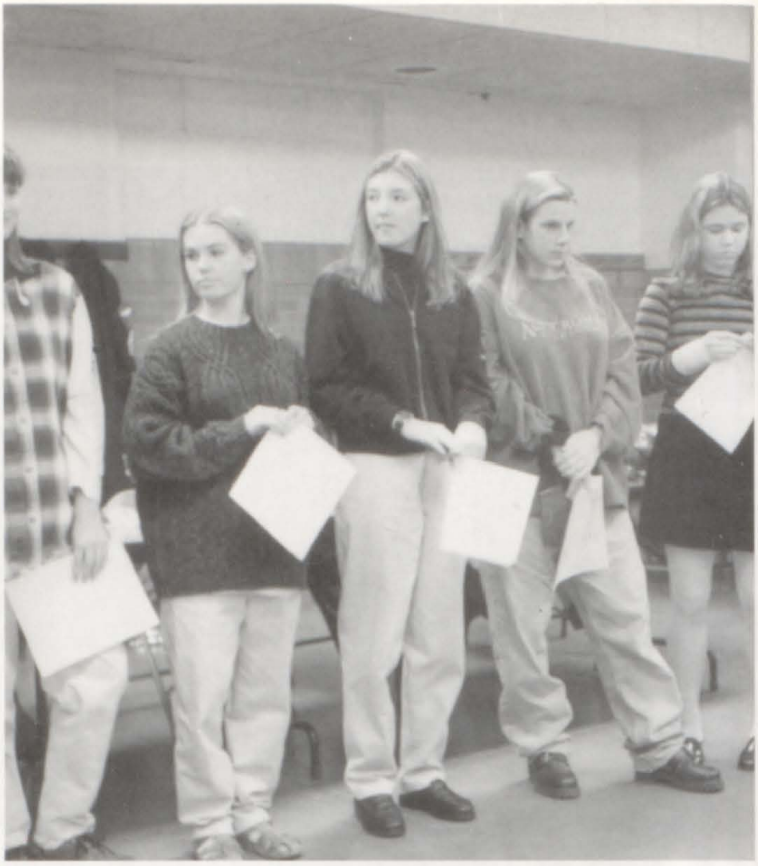
Awards Banquets

This year, Oldenburg Academy's athletes showed that hard work and dedication can really pay off. The athletes were honored for their work at the various awards banquets. There were three awards nights which honored fall, winter, and spring sports.

Awards that were given out include the Twister Award, the Sister Martinini Award, Most Valuable Player, and the Coach's Award. The coaches were also honored for the time and energy that they put into the teams to make them great.

~ Jenni Blank

Above: Coach Regina Radcliffe gives junior Abby Eckstein a hug after she won a trophy for volleyball.



Right: Sophomores Jessica Koopman and Molly Miller and junior Angie Parker look to see who is getting the next soccer award.

Above: Jessica Marting, sophomore, is proud to receive her soccer award.

Above: Freshmen Amanda Roehm, Sarah Amrhein, Natalie Saccamondo, Jennifer Heaton, and Regina Yane are proud of their volleyball efforts.

Right: Coach Jessup and junior Stephanie Moll are excited about the team's accomplishments.

A Night for the Seniors

Senior Night was a night for which all senior athletes had been waiting. This year senior athletes from all sports were honored along with Oldenburg's mascot, the Twister. Seniors received flowers and handshakes from Athletic Director Janet Huneke and Principal Sister Carol Ann in the gym.

Left: Twister Kim Hampson receives a hearty handshake from Ms. Huneke.

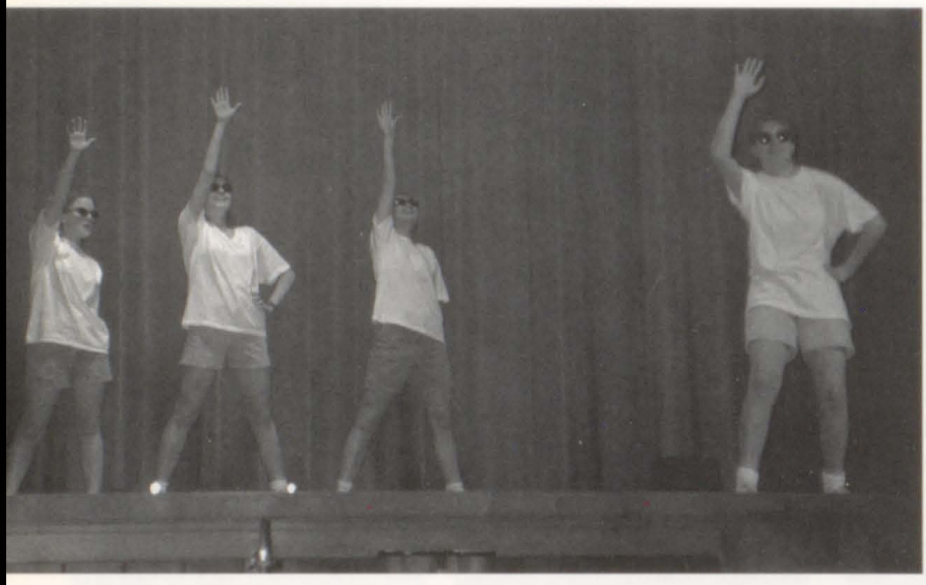
Above: Golfer Janeta Scheele and her parents enjoy being at Senior Night.

Above: The seniors on the basketball team and the Twister pose for a group picture with their parents.

Left: Soccer player Sarah Brackmann smiles with glee as she receives a handshake from Sister Carol Ann.

Right: Mr. Moll doing his version of the Macarena.

Below: "The Perfect Tan" skit gets a little help from the chorus of Fighting For Myself.



Above: Sophomore class officers show their moves while dancing to a music mix.

Above Right: Tiffany and Brittany (a.k.a. Jami Herbert and Leighann Stonefield) fret over getting the perfect tan.

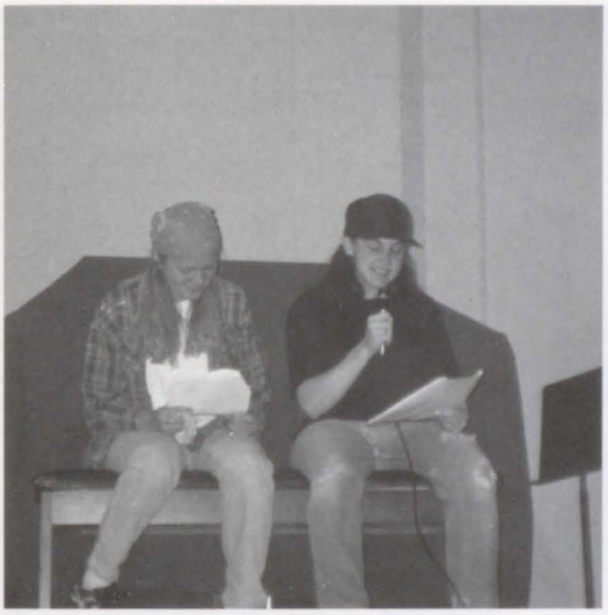
Right: The audience goes wild.

Below: NKOTB gets down with Mrs. Deardorff.

STAR SEARCH

One warm, spring, Friday afternoon OA gathered in the auditorium to watch some of the school's most talented students. Acts ranged from music group impersonations (including New Kids on the Block, Marilyn Manson, and the Spice Girls) to a parody of our school play (The Perfect Tan). The show was hosted by Wayne and Garth (a.k.a. Sara Simmermeyer and Beth Fussner), who kept us laughing. It was a lot of fun to see all of the rising "stars."

~ Tori Dietz



Above: Amanda Luff, Meredith McGovern, Liza Moll, Lauren Wade, and Jessica Ripley are OAs answer to the Spice Girls.

Above Left: The hilarious hosts Wayne and Garth.

Left: Marilyn Manson with the lead singer Becca Ford perform live at OA.

Rockin' with the Archbishop

What field trip could be so important that Sr. Carol Ann and the rest of the faculty would be willing to take everyone out of school for a day? The Youth Liturgy with Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, of course! OA loaded into 4 buses and headed to the Indianapolis Convention Center. When the school arrived, they were joined by hundreds of other teenagers from the Archdiocese. The majority of the students and teachers really enjoyed the liturgy and there was praise all around. One teacher commented that she enjoyed being a part of a larger Christian community and that there was a spirit of enthusiasm in the service. The liturgy went so well that the Archbishop gave every school a free day. Two students noted quite simply that his homily was "Simply the best."

> "Someone from Ohio told me, 'Gosh, your Archbishop is so much cooler than ours!"
> - Tara Sharer, Senior

~Erin Gates and Amber Haislar

Below: Junior Allison Schmalenberg is the only OA student to take part in the liturgy.

Above: Is that the Archbishop, or a misplaced shepherd?

Right: Sea O' Students

CONCERTS

Below: The Sophomore Chorus belts out a tune at the Christmas concert.

This year proved to be an excellent one as far as the production of concerts. The soloists were magnificent, the choruses were superb and the orchestra didn't fail to inspire awe. For the Christmas concert the auditorium was decked out in Christmas Trees and lights and even a fireplace. The Art Club completed the backdrop after many hard nights painting.

Both concerts contained performances by Freshmen and Sophomore Chorus', Academy Singers, and Concert Choir. The concerts concluded with performances by the orchestra which was conducted by Sr. Mary Ellen. Mrs. Biersdorfer, Mrs. Snape, Sister Mary Ellen, and Sister Mary Ann did an excellent job organizing both Winter and Spring Concerts.

Above: Noelle Whilhite tickles the ivories at the Spring Concert.

Above left: Abby Nordmeyer proves to be quite the Cellist at the Christmas Concert.

Left: Anne Heile shows what she has at the Christmas Concert.

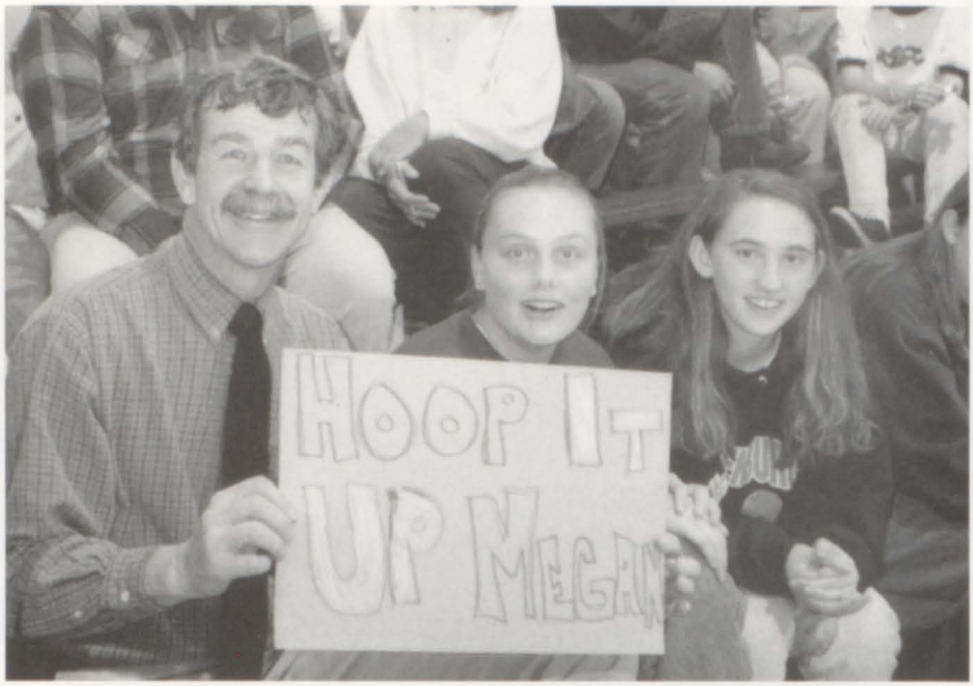
School Spirit

Wild cheerleaders began generating our school spirit for the year. They were outfitted with old uniforms, high ponytails, and were plastered with blue and white war paint.

These energizing students cheered wholeheartedly leading fellow schoolmates in pep rallies supporting our fall sports teams.

Eventually the real spirit squad took charge with "Concentration and Dedication." The teams became outfitted with balloons and cards supporting them into their next battle. Many fans, with the lead of the schools Mascot, the Twister, rooted their teams onto victory.

Below: Teacher Mr. Yane, and seniors Jami Herbert and Jenni Blank show their school pride at a basketball game. Go Megan!



Above: "Trixie" as the seniors call her, is one of the many ways that the spirit stick was decorated.

Above right: Senior Kim Hampson is seaching for the lost worm in the white soil.

Right: Some members of the pep squad showing their true school spirit.

Left: Sophomores Traci Taylor, Jessi Combs, Senior Corrine Kemper, and Junior Anita Adams rally for a victory.

Below: Some of the wild senior cheerleaders that started this year. The seniors include: Ann Heile, Meaghan Andrews, Courtney Kelly, and Karen Schrank.

Above: Mr. Moll cheats to make a basket during one of the pep rallies.

Above Left: Now there's school spirit. Junior Amber Haislar along with seniors Meaghan Andrews, and Courtney Kelly pose with the Mascot.

Left: The juniors are showing of their school spirit at one the pep rallies.

Below: Well if all else fails, seniors Courtney Kelly and Meaghan Andrews can always serve cake for a living.

Below: Senior Anne Heile sings on her morning announcements, "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B."

Above: "Three it's a magic number."

Right: Serving dinner at Sports Banquets is always fun. Just ask juniors Lori Moster and Amber Haislar.

STUCO 1997 CALLS IT TO ORDER

STUCO '96-97 participated in many fun filled and exciting activities. These activities included a frightfully chilling haunted house, yummy spaghetti dinner for the fall sports athletes, and of course we can't forget our "Take My Breath Away" Semi '96. Many hours were spent raising flags, and creating calenders for our exciting school motivation.

We had some fun though, it was a good dinner at Tiffanys - I mean Fridays and a good laugh at our first dance (ha!)! Not a morning was complete with out a cheerful "Good morning today is..." from our STUCO officers. Keeping a happy face and an open mind, "Girls Just Wanna ...and have Fun".

Left: Once again senior Courtney Kelly is scolded by classmate Meaghan Andrews and finds solace in her cake.

Right: And the tribal leaders share their enthusiasm for Student Council.

Right: Senior Audra Ransburg presents Semi Princess Becky Bradley (junior) with flowers.

Below: Juniors Cara Gruber and Amber Haislar show their skill while completing the monthly task of "Calendar Duty."

Above: STUCO officer Audra Ransburg consoles STUCO officer Dorothy Honnert as Sister Carol Ann prepares to give the student body a pep talk.

Above: Seniors Liz Kolter and Meaghan Andrews pass flowers out during the Father/Daughter dance.

Right: Senior STUCO officer Anne Heile tries to tell Senior STUCO officer Dorothy Honnert that she has something on her nose during STUCO speeches.

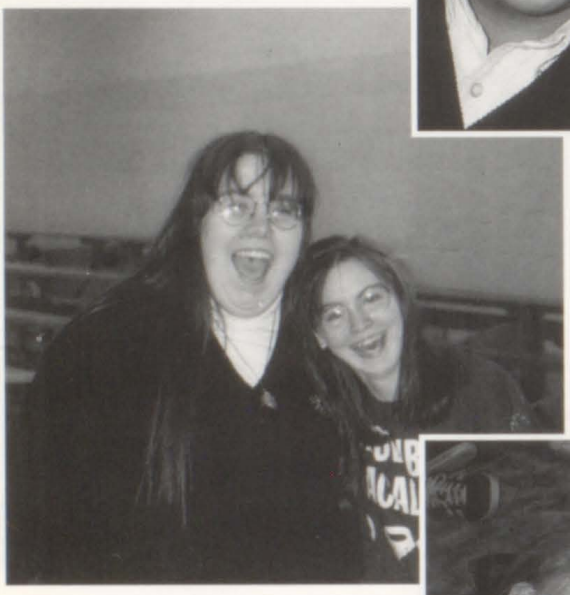
Below: Juniors Elizabeth Wehner, Lori Moster, Amber Haislar, and Jenny Doherty strutting their stuff at STUCO's annual Haunted House.

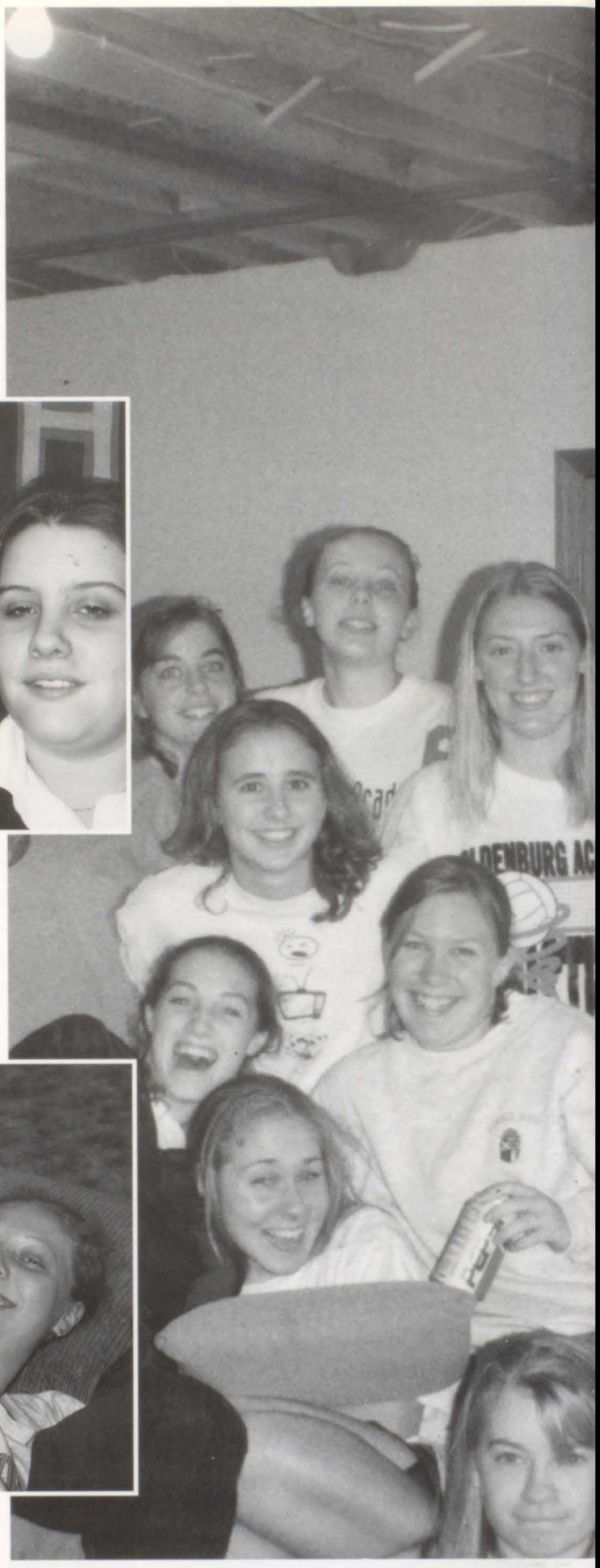
Below: Seniors Audra Ransburg (Cyndi Lauper) and Anne Heile having some fun on the first day of school at flag raising.

Above: Student Council members enjoying a good meal at T.G.I. Friday's.

Left: Senior Noelle Wilhite, Junior Heather Heismann, and Senior Abby Nordmeyer share a moment at Semi.

Left: Seniors Kim Weiler, Shelly Green, and Leighann Stonefield. So do you guys have a big date tonight?





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STUDENTS

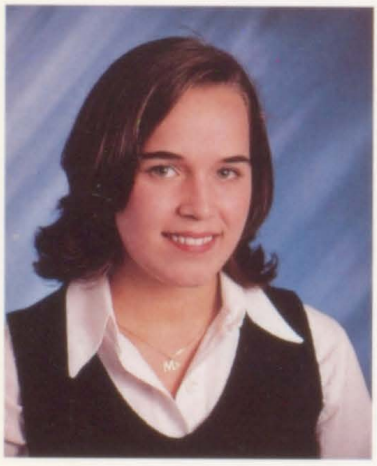
SENIORS
CLASS OF 1997

Shannon Evelyn Allgeier

"All our dreams can come true- if we have the courage to pursue them."

Karen Michelle Amberger

"It matters not what you are thought to be, but what you are."



Meaghan Elizabeth Andrews

"Live your life as an exclamation, not an explanation."

Christina Louise Batta

"I find strength to meet tomorrow from the lesson learned today."

Courtney Dillon Bell

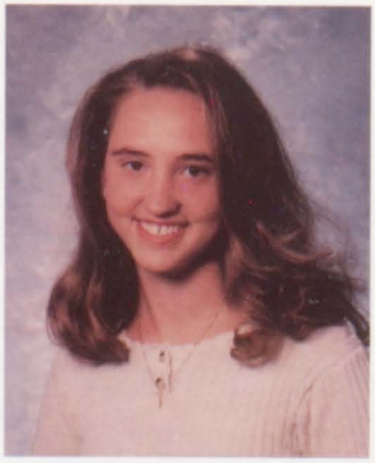
"Always reach for your goals no matter how high you make them."

Robin Michelle Bessler

"La plus perdue d'une journee est celle ou on n'a pas rit."

Lindsey Kay Bischoff

"If you can imagine it, you can acheive it. If you dream it, you can become it."



Jennifer Ann Blank

"I wish people who have trouble communicating would just shut up."

Mona Carolyn Bodley

"Friends are but many beings abiding in one soul."

Sarah Marie Brackmann

"I never let the facts interfere with my opinion!"

Ann Catherine Dickman

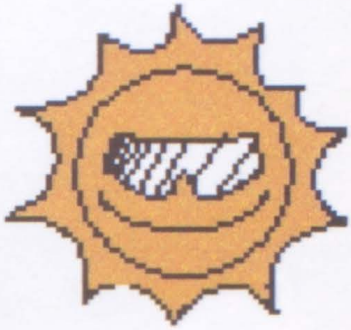
"Happiness is not the absence of problems but the ability to deal with them!"

Beth Ann Fussner

"Accidents happen, and usually more than once."

Erin Elizabeth Gates

"In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock."



Rachelle Marie Green

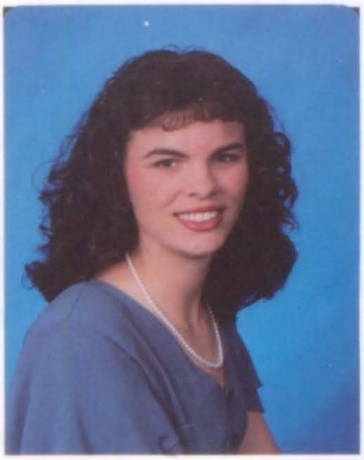
"I'm always fashionably late."

Leah Katherine Sta. Maria Gregorio

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone."

Kimberly Lorraine Hampson

"Never stop going after your dreams, for one day they will come true."



Anne Marie Heile

"No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar."

Jami Elizabeth Herbert

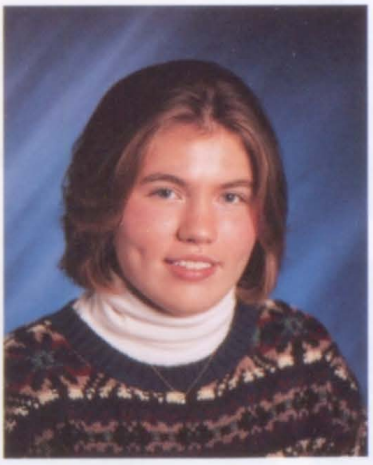
"Trust everyone, but always cut the cards."

Mollie Ann Hoff

"Smile a memory, live a dream."
~B. Vicars

Dorothy Ann Honnert

"Kindness is the only language that the blind can see and the deaf can hear."



Jennifer Lynn Johannigman

"Challenges can be stepping stones or stumbling blocks. It's just a matter of how you view them."

Elizabeth Anne Johnston

"I'm short and I plan to stay that way."

SENIOR

Most Likely to Become a Movie Star: Meaghan Andrews
Thoughest Car: Janeta Scheele
Most Likely to Become an OA Teacher: Ann Dickman
Most Liberal: Audra Ransburg
Best Personality: Dorothy Honnert
Most Likely to Marry First: Valarie Weiler
Most Conservative: Sarah Brackmann
Smartest: Tara Sharer
Most Likely to Play a Pro Sport: Sarah Kindt
Shyest: Jennifer Johannigman & Christy Batta
Most Likely to Succeed: Rachel Konnersman
Most Style: Christy McGovern
Most Likely to Get Arrested: Lindsey Bischoff
Teachers Pet: Corrine Kemper
Craziest: Maisha Maddox
Best Hair: Shelly Green
Most Likely to Become President: Leighann Stonefield
Best Eyes: Holly Maple

SUPERLATIVES

Most Likely to be in the Military: Sara Simmermeyer
Best Smile: Mollie Hoff
Most Likely to Have 12 Kids: Valarie Weiler
Coolest Car: Leah Gregorio
Most Likely to Live at Home Until 40: Corrine Kemper
Most Talkative: Erin Gates
Class Clown: Maisha Maddox
Most Likely to Marry Someone Famous: Jami Herbert
Hairiest Legs: Noelle Wilhite
Uniform With the Most Holes: Jill Rennekamp
Most Outgoing: Audra Ransburg
Biggest Flirt: Sarah Scheele
Best Driver: Tara Sharer
Most Likely to Marry Their Current Boyfriend: Ann Dickman
Most Athletic: Karen Schrank
Most Likely to Become a Nun: Kim Hampson
Worst Driver: Corrine Kemper

The senior class superlatives were chosen by the entire senior class, and should be taken in good humor.

Courtney Ruth Kelly

"I put all my hope in tomorrow. It's gonna be great, I can tell, but anyway."

Corrine Denise Kemper

"There comes a moment when you have to stop revving up the car and shove it into gear."

Sarah Ann Kindt

"If you can't dazzle 'em with brilliance, baffle 'em with bull."

Elizabeth Rose Kolter

"Think. Believe. Dream. Dare."

Erin Rachel Konnersman

"I'll tell you this: no eternal reward will forgive us now for wasting the dawn."

Maisha Kumari Maddox

"If you want by the yard, but try by the inch, you should be kicked by the foot."

Holly Marie Maple

"There are better things ahead than any we leave behind."

Christy Lynn McGovern

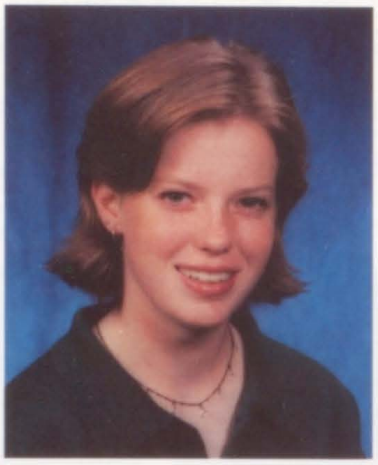
"Fashion fades. Only style remains. Long Live DKNY!!!"

Rebecca Lynn Meyer

"Success comes before work only in the dictionary."

Abbigail Mildred Nordmeyer

"If we can send one man to the moon, why can't we send them all?"



Audra Leah Ransburg

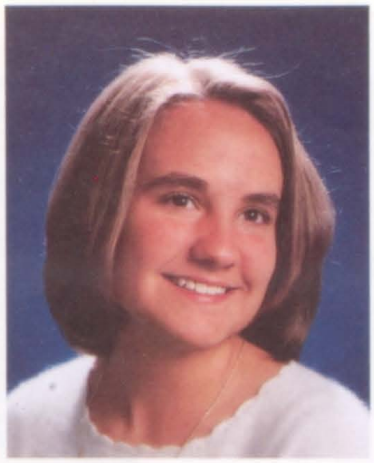
"If the people lead, the leaders will follow."

Jill Nicole Rennekamp

"Do it for those who tell you that you can't."

Janeta Kay Scheele

"Where you go, there you are!"



Sarah Ann Scheele

"Always aim higher than you think possible."

Karen Marie Schrank

"Only dead fish go with the flow."

Tara Lynn Sharer

"Rather know nothing than half-know much."

Sara Jean Simmermeyer

"Losers always whine about their best; winners make it happen."

Leighann Stonefield

"Destiny is not a matter of chance. It is a matter of choice."

Stacey LuAnne Vogelsang

"Opinion is the species of property, I am always willing to share."

Kimberly Michele Weiler

"By time and toil we sever what strength and rage could never."

Valarie Anne Weiler

"You can't just turn back the clock; but you can wind it up again. . . . "

Megan Ann Westerfeld

"The really happy person is the one who can enjoy the scenery when he has to take a detour."

Noelle Marie Wilhite

"To dream of the person you would like to be is to waste the person you are."

Sarah Anne Wuestefeld

"Your chances of success in any undertaking can always be measured by belief in yourself."

Burple Bottle-need we say more

When Stacey, Holly, and Courtney thought they saw 2 guys dancing in the yard, but they were only trees

Get out of here!

Every Tuesday when Courtney and Stacey would run to lunch to see the bread man

Mrs. Tinchers "word power" cape

Listening to a teacher's Old English accent with a piece of literature

All the times Ann D. didn't wear a bra

When Jami opened a can of tuna and splashed it all over her sweater

Ms. Hood-PORTFOLIOS

Junior year party at Mrs. Deardorff's

Food Fight at TGIFriday's

5's-enough said

When Jenni locked her keys in her car with it running for three hours

The Ramen Noodle Trend

When Liz and Anne took off Noelles bra in Geometry and Mrs. Gemill said, "Noelle will you please settle down?"

When Kindt had to go all the way from the soccer field- in her undies- to her room

Audra throwing her clothes on Leighann in the middle of the night

Playing E.T. with Drew Barrymore

Rebecca trying to catch a live fish with a straw

When Leah chased a parked truck and caught it

When Anne and Sarah ran up the down escalator at Music Hall

The Class of 1997

When Shelly drove off the road because she was looking at her toes.

The "Perfect Cheer"

When Rebecca laughed so hard one day- snot flew out of her nose-YUCK!

"Courtney Kelly, are you ever going to learn how to pass?"

Maisha's 21st birthday party at TGIFriday's

The man with the runaway cart at Pamida and his dog.

When Dorothy fell off her chair at lunch.

Pledging the dorm floors

Bush jumping was an official sport at OA

When Leighann tried to kill us.....TWICE!

Everyday in English, Stacey would tell Sarah "She's so pretty."

JUNIORS

Life: Through the Eyes of Juniors

The 1996- 1997 school year has been one of change for the class of 1998. After two years as obsequious underclassmen, the juniors come forth this year as sanguine upperclassmen. One challenge was Prom. Through all the pressure and confrontations, the juniors pulled together to make a superior Prom.

Another trying task for the junior class was the discovering of their school spirit. As hard as they tried, no one in the class could work up their Twister Spirit. But, after a pep talk from the Hunk, the junior class became a part of the school at pep rallies. Who could forget taking hostage Zita, the spirit stick?

The class also had some important academic activities: PSAT's, SAT's, junior term paper, ASVAB, and beginning our search for the perfect college.

The class of 1998 look to their final year hoping that it will be an exciting and adventurous time.

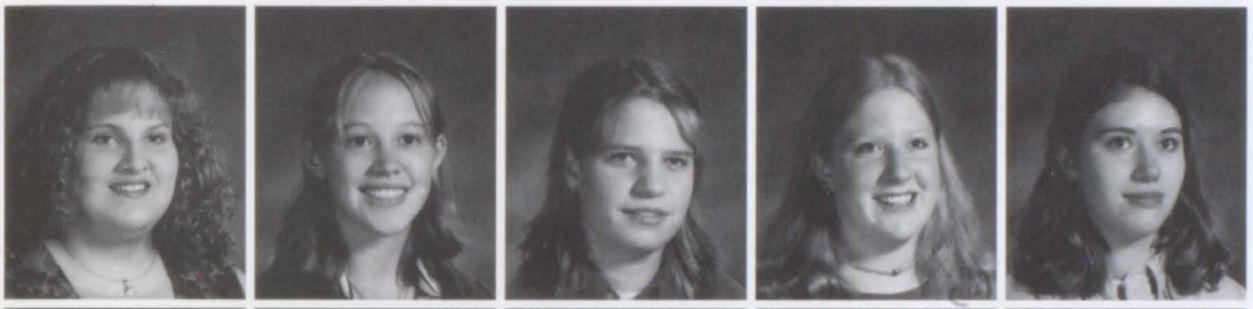
By: Megan Lawson
and
Rachel Gibbs

Above: Abby Eckstein and Stacy Weberding are busy playing cards at the volleyball party.

Right: Carine Bates and Jill Harris show off their lovely dancing skills at the Foreign Language Lunch.

Anita Adams
Jill Amberger
Carine Bates
Becky Bradley
Jaimee Brielmaier

Erica Case
Abbey Collins
Jenny Doherty
Melissa Dwenger
Abby Eckstein



Tammie Engelking
Abbie Enneking
Erin Fledderman
Molly Fullenkamp
Rachel Gibbs

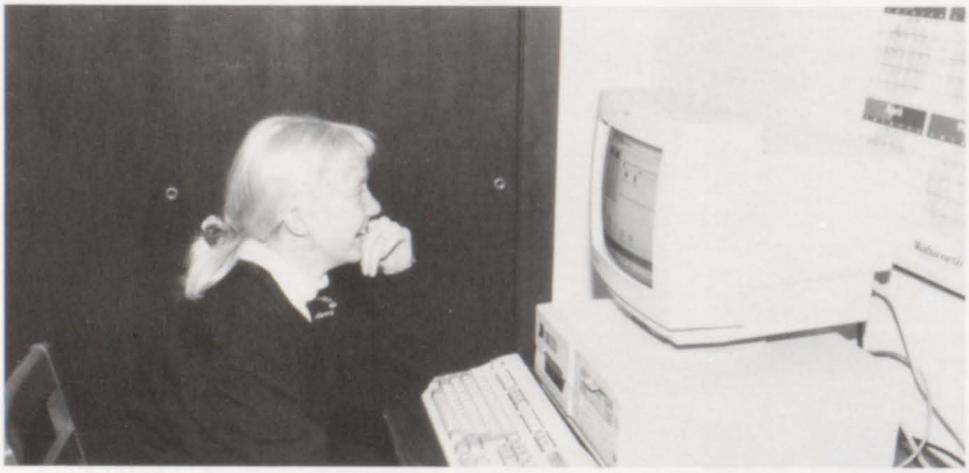
Lisa Giesting
Jessa Greiwe
Cara Gruber
Katie Hagedorn
Amber Haislar

Kristi Hampson
Jill Harris
Erin Hart
Megan Hautman
Heather Heismann

Mandy Hodges
Amanda Johnson
Shelly Koch
Suzanne Konnersman
Kimberly Kretschman

Right: Juniors Megan Hautman, Lori Moster, and Erin Hart are astounded by Megan Lawsons singing talent.

Below: Juniors Heather Heismann and Megan Lawson scoff at the friendly advice given to them by Ms. Huneke.



Above: Junior Marysue Luhring leaps into the next generation.

Right: Junior Heather Monroe shares another juicy weekend story with the junior class.

CLASS OF 1998

Megan Lawson
Sarah Lecher
Laura Ludwig
Mary Sue Luhring
Amy Moll

Stephanie Moll
Heather Monroe
Janel Moody
Lori Moster
Chrissy Nobbe

Sherry Obermeyer
Amy Palm
Angie Parker
Sheri Pulskamp
Sheryl Scheele

Allison Schmalenberg
Anne Schneider
Beth Siefert
Christy Thomas
Amanda Walsman

Stacy Weberding
Elizabeth Wehner
Kate Widolff

Left: Juniors Amber Haislar and Cara Gruber pose as poster children for Good Teeth America.

Right: Junior Katie Hagedorn brightens our day with her glowing smile.

Below: Hanging out at the retreat with geometry on the brain.

SOPHOMORES

The sophomores are the biggest and baddest class in the school, and they also have more variety and charisma than any other class. No longer the rookies, the sophomores experienced the perks of being second-year OA students. They were able to pick out freshmen pals, and they were given the chance to display their knowledge by taking the intriguing PSAT's. There were some new additions to the class this year, while other dear friends were lost. Through it all, the class stood strongly together like the front line of a militia. Although the pesky senior class continues to make fun of the sophomores on a regular basis, the sophomores stand tall, hand-in-hand, knowing that a bright future awaits them. The graduation of the Class of 1999 will definitely be the perfect way to end a century!

Above: Marting chills with her posse.

Above Right: Let's sing the alphabet song with our good friend Paco!

Right: The class president mingles with the civilians.

THE CLASS OF 1999

Jennifer Berning
Beth Bohrer
Angie Brackmann
Elizabeth Busek
Nikki Chachere

Jessi Combs
Monica Cradler
Tricia Darling
Mindy Dekle
Tori Dietz

Beth Dole
Deann Eckstein
Kristen Essert
Jessi Faust
Becca Ford

Julie Frazee
Christine Frazer
Katie Gehring
Lindsey Goldsmith
Jenny Hartman

Kara Heinlein
Carina Jeep
Kristie Johannigman
Ami Johnston
Arien Johnston

Jessica Koopman
Maria Kraemer
Amy Lecher
Jennifer Lecher
Maggie Lewis

Class of 1999

Sophomores

Right: Molly "Macarena" Miller

Below: Beth Bohrer doin' a little dance with a pan.

Rachel Little
Amanda Luff
Jessica Marting
Amy McGill
Meredith McGovern

Debbie Metzger
Molly Miller
Liza Moll
Gloria Moster
Emily Nimis

Sarah Ollier
Meredith Pank
Jackie Paulson
Vanessa Prickel
Mary Raver

Jessica Ripley
Andi Roach
Andrea Roehm
Monique Rust
Jessica Schaefer

Tara Schebler
Sarah Schneider
Traci Taylor
Lauren Wade
Stephanie Wintz

Above: Sophomores are always hard at work.

Above: Deann Eckstein and Trisha Darling pose for a picture.

Left: American Gladiators Turbo and Saber.

FRESHMEN

The Class of 2000 will be one to be remembered! The fact that the freshmen will be the first class to graduate in the twenty-first century makes this class unique.

Of course, the first day of class was a little scary for the freshmen, and it is a day that they will all remember for the rest of their lives. The freshmen gradually got to know each other and form friendships. The freshmen class has already been through a lot together, including Freshman Initiation and the departure of many members of the class.

The freshman class has lost and gained several wonderful people. Of course, the freshmen were sad to lose people, but they were also glad to meet new students who were added to the class in the middle of the year.

The Class of 2000 is becoming more closely knit, and members of the class are becoming better friends with one another every day.

Above: The freshmen try to keep the balloon in the air.

Left: Freshmen take a break from decorating for the haunted house.

Sarah Amrhein
Lindsay Back
Corrine Beiersdorfer
Carrie Bradley
Hayley Caudill

Katie Cloppert
Alison Doyle
Katy Geisen
Sandy Gerster
Katie Giesting

Kristina Giesting
Sara Hagedorn
Jennifer Heaton
Jessica Holland
Emily Honnert

Barb Hudepohl
Sarah Huffmeyer
Rita Krekeler
Renee Kretschmann
Katie Larison

Stephanie Lloyd
Tabitha Mayes
Justina McCarthy
Colleen McCullough
Jessica McIntire

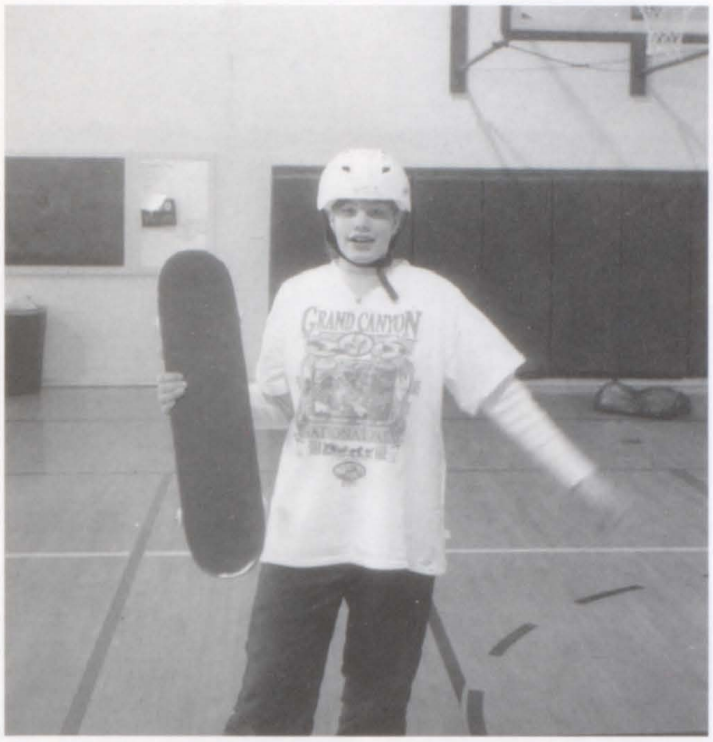
Mary Meany
Jessica Meyer
Beth Neukam
Mandy Obermeyer
Elisha Peetz

Class of 2000

Above: The freshmen put their minds together for a game at the Christmas party.

Erin Rennekamp
Amanda Roehm
Natalie Saccomando
Amelia Smith
Kira Stegman

Sarah Walsman
Meg Wehner
Jessi Williams
Stephanie Wissel
Regina Yane



Above: Regina is ready to roll with her white elephant gifts from the freshman Christmas party.

Above: The freshmen join together at one of the school pep rallies.

Above: Carrie Bradley comes off the court after a hard basketball game.

Left: The STUCO officers are having a ball at Semi.

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ACADEMICS

Right: French student Amber Haislar writes, "Sleep! Wake up!" in French, showing her great fair for contradictions.

Below: Spanish students gorge themselves at Don Pablo's.

Above: German students flash their dictionaries at the camera, proving how studious they are.

Right: Spanish III students proudly show off their pinata and their beautiful decorations for the Foreign Language Week talent show.

Below: "Oh, dont call on me!" thinks Katy Geisen, as she hides behind her textbook.

Foreign Languages

Foreign languages enrich a student's mind in many ways. For one thing, studying a foreign culture can open up a student's mind to the world and broaden her horizons. Learning another language requires discipline and precision, and the study of French, Spanish, or German sharpens a student's mental powers. At O.A., students take the study of foreign languages very seriously. In fact, three students were selected to participate in the I.U. Honors Program in Foreign Languages this summer. Amber Haislar and Jenny Doherty will be spending seven weeks in St. Brieuc, France, while Lindsey Roberts will be going to Mexico.

Above Left: Erica Case munches on tortilla chips at Don Pablo's while wearing THE HAT.

Above: The French II class pretends that they are the cast of Saved By the Bell at the Foreign Language Week talent show.

Left: A German student goes over basic German grammar.

Joseph Moll

Lisa Weldy
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Kathy Westerfeld
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Right: Sophomores Tori Dietz and Liza Moll are concentrating very hard on their Bibles.

Below: OA students and the Sisters attending Mass together.

Below: Freshman Angels: Barb Hudepohl, Jessica Meyer, Lindsey Back, and Beth Neukam.

RUBBING ELBOWS WITH THE BIG GUY UPSTAIRS

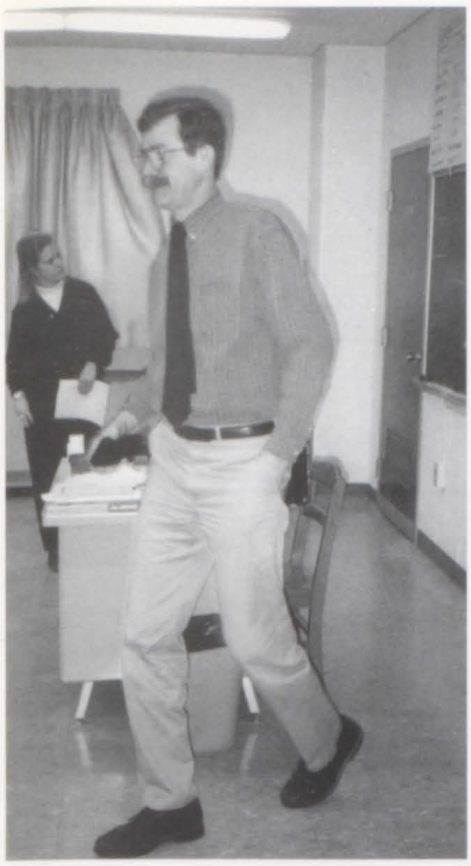
by Erin Gates

How does getting married when you are a senior sound? All of the seniors in Mrs. Case's religion class were married for three weeks before divorcing their husbands. During four years at the Academy, students learn all about saints and heroes, the New Testament, the Ten Commandments, the Sacraments, and, oh yea, God!!! Students also write their own gospel in Mrs. Ritter's sophomore class, make saint boxes, and color fish and dragon pictures. No student will ever forget Sex, Love, and Infatuation and the "purple bottle" and the juniors spend most of 4th quarter working on their wedding project. Religion is a worthwhile class where students learn about topics that will never be taught in any other class.

Joanie Ritter

Margarita Case

Above: Senior Jenni Blank is just about to get married to the love of her life.



SUBTRACTING APPLES AND ORANGES

For Academy students, the Math Department has unlocked the mysteries of those agonizing geometry proofs, complex equations of Algebra, the thought of incomprehensible sine curves related to Math IV, and the attempt to master the derivative concept. The students have spent countless hours racking their brains to obtain *possible* solutions to those problems. Despite these hardships, much excitement arrives by seeing your name on the notorious "Top Ten List" - even if there are only ten people in the class!!!

For those who were up to a challenge, the American Mathematics Exam in February provided just that. There are 30 questions and getting ten right is amazing (And 30 - get out of here!!!). By the end of the school year, everyone has had enough math knowledge packed into their heads that they can't wait to exit room 207 or 206 after that final exam.

~ Sarah Wuestefeld and Christy Batta

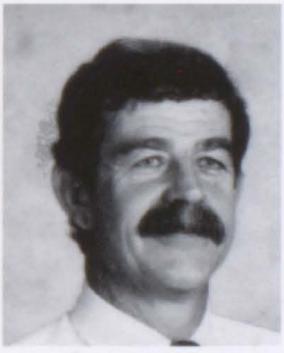
Left: Mr. Yane finally gives up, while junior Allison Schmalenberg still ponders over the problem.

Below: Mrs. Merkt gives some help to one of her students.

Above: Sophomores Arien and Ami Johnston working hard on their geometry homework before class.

Left: Senior Rebecca Meyer checks with Mr. Yane to make sure that her answer is right.

Left: According to Mr. Yane, "Two Wrongs *Do* Make a Right".



Gary Yane

Jennifer Merkt

Gym and Health

Gym and health are classes teaching not only physical fitness, but also social and mental health, which are all important for one's wellness. Gym is a mandatory class for freshmen and sophomores. The first year, one learns about individual sports and how to work as a team. Sophomores learn about sports that one can continue to play for the rest of ones life.

Health is a freshman course. In health, the students learn about risks, a proper diet, and their overall health. All of the classes are taught by Ms. Janet Huneke.

Below: The second period Gym class can make a perfect pyramid.

Above: The fourth period Gym class is trying to make a pyramid.

Above right: Ms. Huneke, Regina Yane, and Sarah Amrhein hold up Jesse Williams.

Right: Second periods Gym class is taking a break.

Janet Huneke

Grammatically Correct

If the words 'English literature' are spoken to Oldenburg Academy students, the students will probably respond with disgruntled sighs or irritated, frustrated groans. Needless to say, many students do not consider English to be their favorite class. Still, the study of grammar and literature can be fascinating and worthwhile. Freshmen start out their O.A. English careers by learning all the basics of English grammar, while the sophomores concentrate on American literarature. As juniors, students enter into a new phase in their study of literature, for eleventh and twelfth grade English courses are devoted to a chronological study of the history of literature. Juniors fight their way through Homer and Virgil, while seniors read authors such as Milton, Pope, and Wordsworth.

Left: Sr. Francis and Jami Herbert are the best of friends, both in and out of the classroom.

Below Left: Sr. Francis answers the questions of her freshman English class.

Monica Yane

Above: Mrs. Yane returns Kim Hampson's graded thesis paper.

Left: Mrs. Yane smiles winningly at an oddly dressed Corrine Kemper.

Left: Seniors Sarah Brackmann and Sarah Wuestefeld ham it up for the camera, while Christy McGovern concentrates on A Midsummer Night's Dream in the background.

Sister Francis Assisi Kennedy

Connie Deardorff

Right: Genetics students mess around with beakers, blenders, and deoxyribonucleic acid during a lab.

Below: Biology II students proudly display their fetal pigs.

Above: Seniors Holly Maple and Leighann Stonefield try to ignore the smell as they examine their shark.

Above Right: Chemistry students practice mixing explosive compounds in hopes of one day discovering a way to blow up the school.

Right: Science has opened up a whole new world for these Geology students.

Below: Two intense Chemistry students anxiously await a chemical reaction.

MR. WIZARD'S WORLD

Science: what an exciting subject! Every Academy girl loves to be a part of a science class. Just read on to get in on all the excitement!

Physical science provided students with a chance to make a supersized periodic table and an opportunity to teach the class! Biology I had freshmen wondering what scientific activity could be better than designing cells on the ceiling. Well, the freshmen soon discovered that the smell and pleasure of dissecting frogs is also pretty exciting. Geology class got to fossil hunt in the creek, do sand sculptures, and learn about mountains. Chemistry was a year of fun experiments like bending glass and causing explosions. Biology II and fetal pigs---does anything more really need to be said about that? Physics students played with slinkies in the hall, and Genetics students were able to meet their teacher and mentor, Dr. Jeff Smith.

Kathy Langley
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Pat Ertel

Sr. Mary Ammann

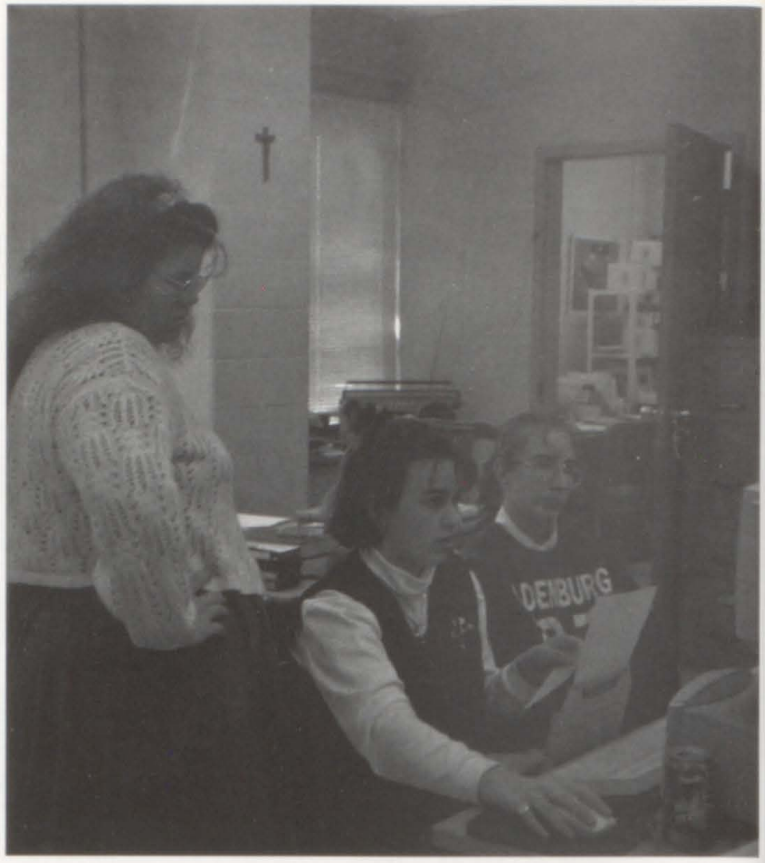
Building a Bridge to the 21st Century

At the beginning of the school year, the computer lab spruced a new look. Mysterious boxes filled the room. After unpacking these boxes, the computer lab was updated with the latest technological advances. At this point the students encountered an overwhelming machine: THE COMPUTER. As the year rolled on, students began to grasp the innumerable tricks hidden in the crevices of the whirlwind of technology.

In the Computer Applications/Keyboarding class, students became experts on everything from keyboarding to spreadsheets (some fashion tips included, right SENIORS?). The Advanced Computer students kept busy with the scanner and programs such as Harvard Graphics and HyperStudio, which helped them produce slide shows complete with music. As the year wore on, Accounting students found the computers handy for their daily work to master complex tasks associated with money.

~Christy Batta and Sarah Wuestefeld

Above: Debit or credit? Senior Erin Gates contemplates an Accounting problem.



Right: Senior Corrine Kemper develops her Accounting skills for future use while senior Kim Hampson and Mrs. Thurston watch in amazement.

Above: Senior Tara Sharer works diligently while senior Sarah Brackmann waits rather impatiently to go to lunch.

Above: Check out the real "Concentration....."!

Lori Thurston

Right: Seniors sporting the true computer techniques.

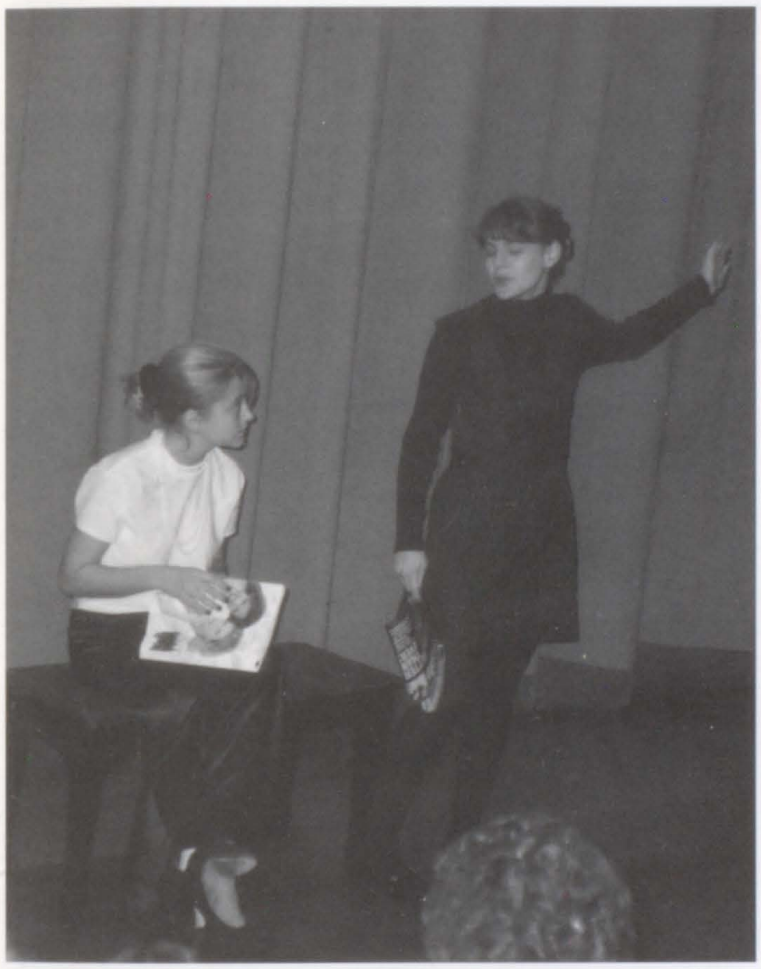
LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

When Mr. Thomson, the former speech/drama teacher left last October, OA welcomed a new drama teacher, Ms. Shannon McCreery. Ms. McCreery, who is an actress, made her class into one unlike any other. The class took part in activities such as the mirror game and timed writing. Students also learned about the history of the theatre, covering everything from the Greek/Roman periods to Shakespeare to Japanese theatre. They read parts of a book by a Russian who developed psychological realism in acting.

The final exam wasn't on paper and couldn't be studied for from a book. It was a live performance to which the class invited their friends and relatives. Ms. McCreery gave each member of the class a scene from a play and an acting partner. It was up to the partners to memorize the lines, get all of props and decide on the blocking. Even though preparing for the final was long and tedious work, it was worth it in the end.

~Tori Dietz

Left: Second Semester Drama class and their wacky costumes for their Oscar Party.



Above: Traci Taylor and Arien Johnston perform their scene for the Onstage production.

Above: Emily Nimis, Ashley Funk, and Jessie Combs party in their "original" costumes during the Oscars.

Left: Junior Anita Adams working hard backstage with the lights and curtains.

Shannon McCreery

MUSIC

Fa, la, la. The music department consists of four teachers, Sister Mary Ellen Gillman, Mrs. Snape, Mrs. Biersdorfer, and Sister Mary Ann Miles. The music program has a chance to show it's talent at the Christmas and Spring concerts. Concert Choir, Academy Singers, and Orchestra are three of the main music groups. When walking through the music building, one may hear a variety of sounds. There may be a student practicing her violin, while another may be in a lesson with her teacher.

"Appreciation in music not only furthers one's artistic ability, but also improves one's studies."
Amber Haislar

~ Corrine Kemper

Below: A common sight in the music building. Mrs. Beiersdorfer giving a lesson to Shen Obermeyer.

Above: Concert Choir. Row 1, (L to R) Mrs. Beiersdorfer, Heather Heismann, Sara Simmermeyer, Lori Moster, and Erin Gates. Row 2, (L to R) Anne Schneider, Jennifer Beming, Shelly Koch, Kimberly Weiler, Sheryl Scheele, Anita Adams, Stephanie Moll, Jackie Paulson, Amanda Walsman, Tammie Engelking, Sarah Scheele, and Mona Bodley. Not Present: Valarie Weiler, Elizabeth Wehner, Sherry Obermeyer, and Beth Siefert.

Above: The 1996-1997 Oldenburg Academy Orchestra

Above: The sophomore chorus singing their hearts out at the Christmas Concert.

Sr. Mary Ellen Gillman

Beth Snape

Sr. Mary Ann Miles

Elizabeth Beiersdorfer

"Mommy's Not In Her Office Eating Bonbons!"

Arts & Crafts

By Courtney Kelly & Rachel Konnersman

Above: Jessa Greiwe smiles as she successfully prints her linoleum block Christmas cards. Molly Miller and Molly Fullenkamp observe this intriguing process.

Above: Jennifer Johannigman gets excited about painting drapery in her watercolor still life.

Above: Corrine Kemper mixes a pretty color to print her teddy bear design on wrapping paper, bags and boxes.

Pam Burroughs

For the students who have never experienced the joy, the thrill, and the excitement of Ms. Burroughs' classes, we feel for you. You are the students who have missed out on reprimands for "getting gooey" with pastels, duck quacks on the hour, the ecstasy of receiving a package from Dick Blick, and the rapture of feeling the squeegee glide along your silk screen. For those fortunate students who have been a part of these glorious festivities, you know exactly the splendor of which we speak.

As a student progresses from Art I to Art IV or V, or from Crafts to Advanced Crafts to Studio Ceramics, she gains liberties and favor from Ms. Burroughs. From color wheels to paper sculpture to figures to pen & ink to clay to macrame to silk screening to photography to watercolors, art class is always an exhilarating experience. Besides a variety of medium, students experience a personality diversity in each class period. Art students learn about this diversity with fellow art students who possess abilities and talents, such as belching repeatedly for 50 minutes, spontaneously composing little tunes to sing while sculpting, indulging Nerd addictions, and lecturing on maturity.

Arts and crafts class make high school more than bearable. They allow for a time to express yourself, relax, relieve stress, and create masterpieces as you let your creativity flow. But just remember there is, unfortunately, only one Ms. Burroughs, and she's absolutely NEVER sitting in her office eating bonbons!

Remember 1066 A.D.?

The social studies department has been very busy this year! Besides being a member of the social studies department, Mr. Moll is also head of the foreign language department. Mrs. Deardorff is head of the social studies department, and she is also the school's Admission Director. Mrs. Weberding, the newest member of the social studies department, not only had the challenge of being a new teacher, but she also became a new mother this year.

Government/Economics class was busy with a presidential election year. Republicans and Democrats engaged in lively discussions as students and faculty aired their political opinions. In economics, students learned how our national economy works. Meanwhile, juniors prepared themselves for the history thesis paper. Various topics were researched and developed into papers that were worthy of a college class. As a result of the paper, students acquired valuable skills which will help them become successful seniors. World history students went from learning about the mummification process and the days of the pharaohs to the era of technology in the twentieth century. Psychology students spent time learning about theorists and development. Both classes were able to spend time with clients from New Horizons Rehabilitation Center, and the students gained a new understanding of physical and mental handicaps.

Joseph Moll

Connie Deardorff

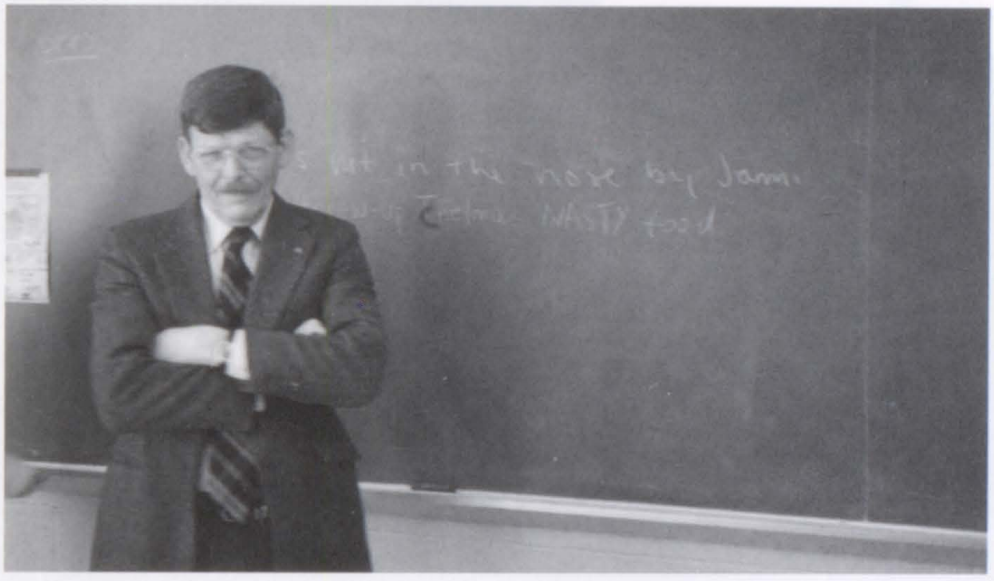
Charlene Weberding

Right: For Juniors, Amy Moll, Lori Moster, and Stacy Weberding studying has never been so fun in U.S. History.

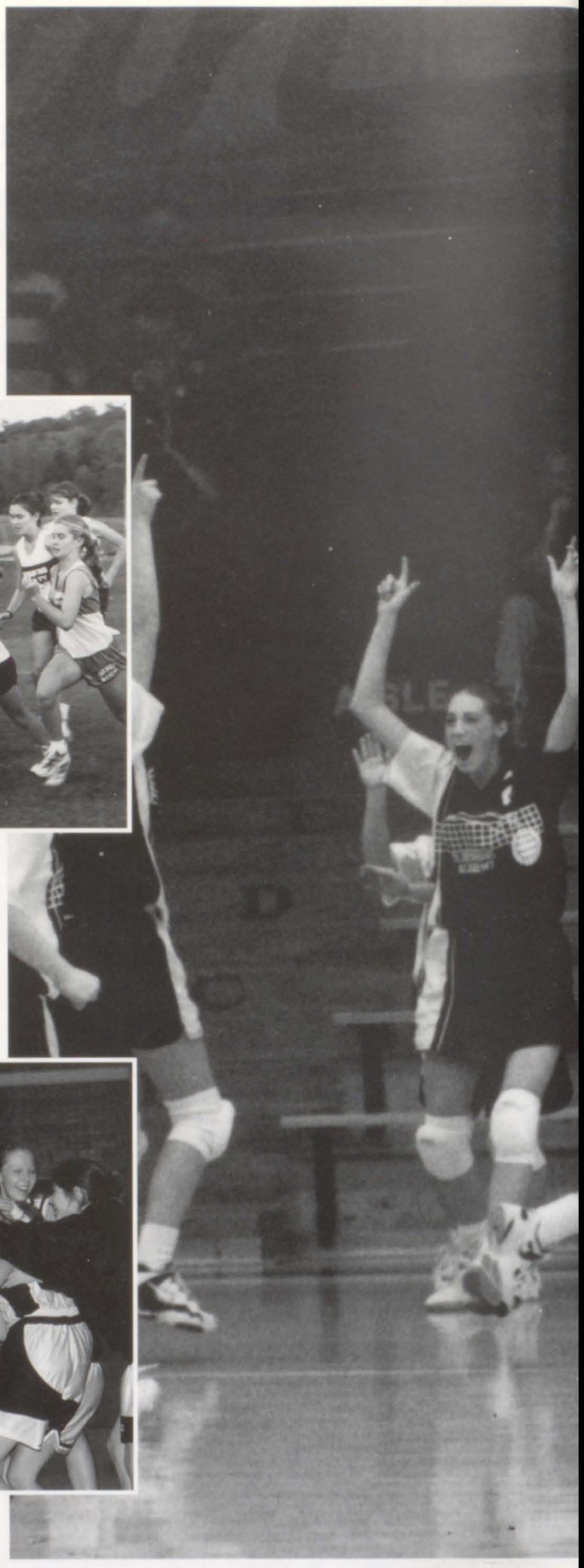
Left: Another fun day for Seniors in Government class!

Below: In psychology, seniors Audra Ransburg, Courtney Kelly, and Liz Kolter seek consultation from the young and upcoming psychologist Will Ollier!

Right: G.I. Joe, The Great American Hero!



Left: Psychology class takes time out to learn child behavior.



TIME OUT...74-91

SPORTS

Right: Looking good Elizabeth!

Par *WHAT* ?!?

The golf team had somewhat of a shaky season. The team was down to "fore" players and were not very "teed up", after a member broke her arm. They knew they had to get on the "ball". Under the strong leadership of Sarah Scheele, captain, and Janeta Scheele, the team managed to "follow through" and "drive" their way to a 4-7 record.

They ARE Tiger Woods.

Congratulations on a hard fought season.

~ Maisha Maddox

Golf Team
First Row, L to R: Sarah Scheele and Meredith Park
Second Row, L to R: Stacey Vogelsang, Janeta Scheele, and Elizabeth Wehner

Left: Senior Sarah Scheele teeing it up.

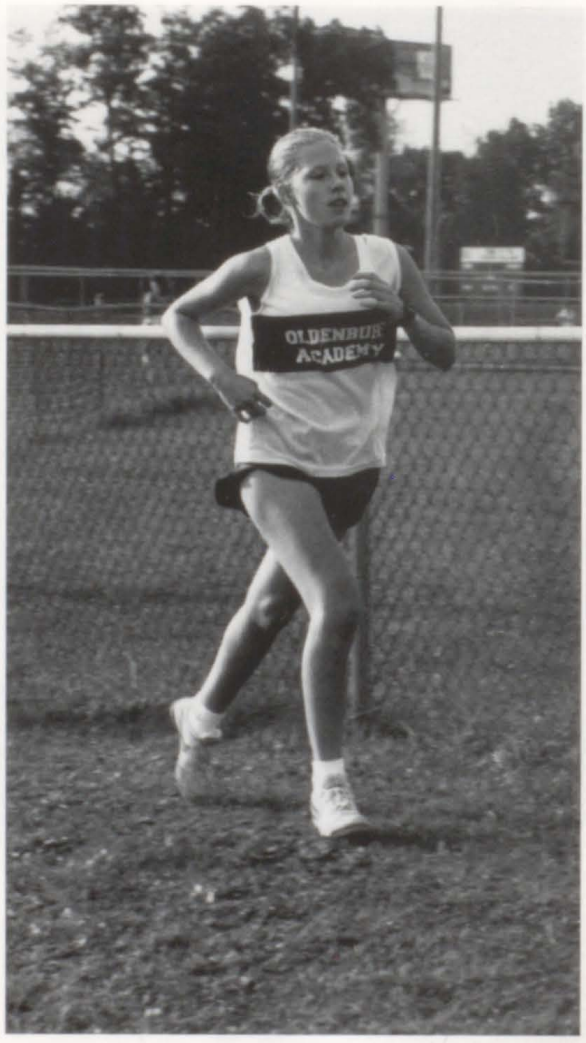
Below: Seniors Janeta Scheele and Sarah Scheele hold their clubs for one last time at OA.

Above: The lean, mean golf swing.

Speed Demons

The 1996 cross country team has been challenged physically and mentally throughout the season, yet the team rose to meet these challenges. The team finished the year at Semi-State with every member back in good health. Throughout the season, the team had a great time bonding and running together. All the members of the team really got to know each other. For the meets, the team traveled as far away as Bloomington. Many members of the team will never forget the meet at Bloomington, because it rained so hard that by the time the race was over, everyone was covered with mud.

The team was very prone to injury, and Courtney Bell, Lauren Wade, Becky Bradley, and Tricia Darling all spent time on the injured list. The wounded runners did, however, come to the meets to support the rest of the team. The depth and skill of the team became apparent as they won various meets and invitationals. As the season ended, awards were given, and Jessi Williams was given the Coachs Award. Becky Bradley won the MVP award for Varsity A and Jenny Hartman won for Varsity B. Also, Katie Gehring won the Most Improved Award. The team is looking forward to a fun, healthy, and successful 1997 cross country season.



Above: Junior Stephanie Moll, gives the competition a good "run" for their money.

Right: Sophomore Tricia Darling, keeps a great pace.

Left: Row 1- (L to R): Jessi Williams, Becky Bradley, and Lauren Wade
Row 2- (L to R): Coach Merle Heines, Kate Widolff, Jenny Hartman, Stephanie Moll, Megan Hautman, and Beth Bohrer
Row 3- (L to R): Tricia Darling, Emily Nimis, Courtney Bell, Christine Frazer, Katie Gehring, and Coach Diane Jessup.

Below: Coach Heines encourages freshman Jessi Williams to keep going strong.

Left: Sophomore Katie Gehring stays hot on the wheels of another competitor.

Above: And theyre off !!!

Left: Junior Becky Bradley keeps going strong.

Right: Junior Jaimee Brielmaier steals the ball from the opposing team.

TWISTER SOCCER

This years soccer team finished with a winning record of 6-5-3 under the great coaching of Mary Kindt. When asked what her favorite part of the season was, senior goalie Audra Ransburg said, "My left-footed goal against Lawrenceburg."

Sarah Kindt, the M.V.P and co-captain, was a leading offender this year. Angie Parker, Molly Miller, and Jessica Marting were there to help Kindt out. The Twister defense was held strong by Jamie Brielmaier, Sarah Brackmann, Maisha Maddox, and Jessica Koopman. Along with the rest of the team, these girls made the season one of Oldenburg's best ever. The team went to Sectionals, came out with a winning season, and made memories that will stay with them forever. PBKA Twisters! You did a great job!

Scoreboard

OA		Opp
5	Greensburg	1
7	Rushville	2
2	Franklin Co.	6
3	Jennings Co.	2
5	Connersville	0
4	Lawrenceburg	2
1	Rushville	1
0	Columbus East	5
0	East Central	5
2	Franklin Co.	4
4	Lawrenceburg	1
0	South Dearborn	5
3	Shelbyville	3
1	Richmond	1

Above: Soccer Team
Front Row: Audra Ransburg; Second Row, (L to R): Jessica Ripley, Molly Miller, Katy Geisen, Angie Parker, Barb Hudepohl, Jessica Koopman, Jaimee Brielmaier, Sarah Kindt Third Row: (L to R) Coach Mary Kindt, Julie Frazee, Jessica Marting, Shelly Green, Maisha Maddox, Jill Rennekamp, Sarah Brackmann, Angie Brackmann, Meg Wehner, Jami Herbert

Below: Senior Maisha Maddox gets ready to kick the ball up to the front line.

Below: Sophomore Jessica Marting uses her great dribbling skills to protect the ball.

Far Left: Seniors Sarah Brackmann, Jill Rennekamp, Audra Ransburg, Maisha Maddox, Jami Herbert, and Sarah Kindt pose for one last picture in their soccer uniform.

Above: Sophomore Jessica Koopman is really putting her head in the game.

Above: Sophomore Angie Brackmann keeps control of the ball.

Twister Volleyball: Serving It Spiking Hot

by Rachel Konnersman

The 1996 volleyball teams once again stuck to the tradition of being perseverant, go-to girls, with much skill and a great sense of teamwork. The freshman team had the bare necessities, with only six members, but they showed their stuff right away by winning their first game. It has not been common to have a winning freshman team, so it was great to have a team break that mold.

The junior varsity team finished the season with 3 wins and 13 losses. Even though they didn't have a winning record, the team was still a success. With their coach, Regina, helping them to grow in their volleyball and teamwork skills, the team made it through their rough times and retained their winning spirit.

The varsity team was a very strong team, led by its six seniors. The team had a very strong bond that made their successes possible. Senior night was especially victorious. The seniors crushed their opponents, keeping them practically scoreless. This special team was like a family, teasing, joking, making dinner together, and pushing their bodies to the limit for each other. The Twisters finished the season as Sectional runners-up.

Below: Freshman Volleyball Team: (L to R) Natalie Saccamondo, Regina Yane, Coach Regina Radcliffe, Sarah Amrhein, Amanda Roehm, Sandy Gerster and Jennifer Heaton.

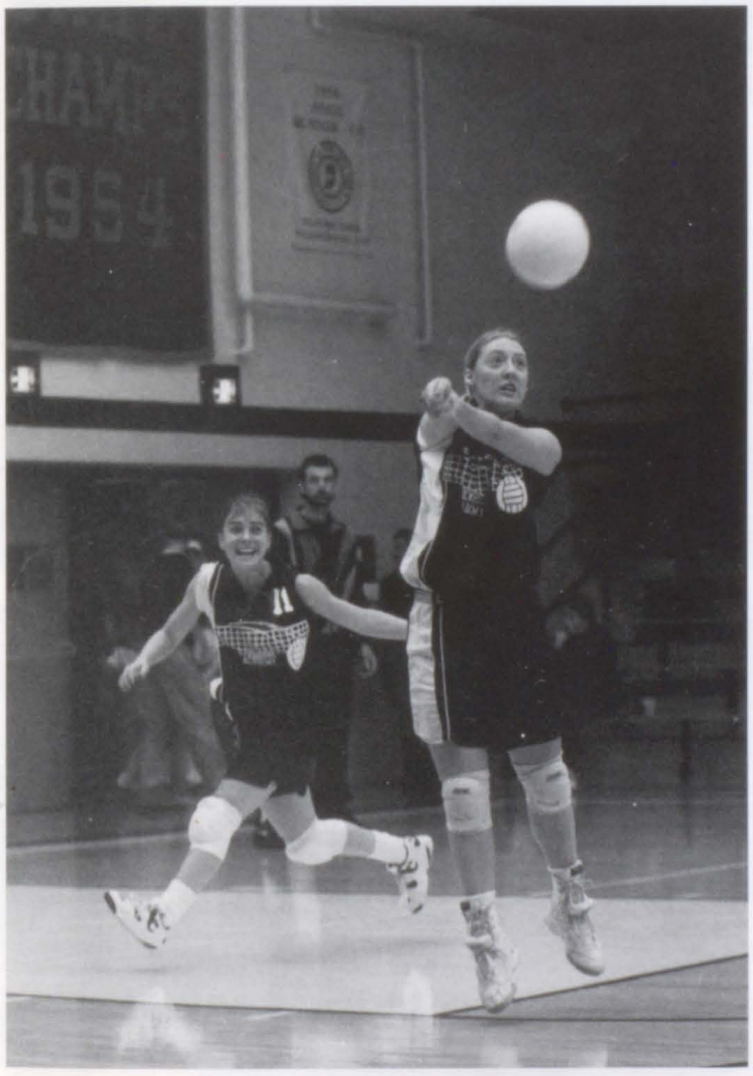
Middle: Reserve Volleyball Team: (L to R) Coach Regina Radcliffe, Abbie Enneking, Sarah Ollier, Cara Gruber, Kristie Johannigman, Erin Fledderman, Jessi Combs, Amanda Luff, Erin Rennekamp, Kara Heinlein and Abby Eckstein.

Left: Regina gives the reserve team some words of wisdom and encouragement in a huddle before the second game. The team listens attentively and pictures heroic acts in their minds.

A Bonding Experience

Left: Varsity Volleyball Team: (L to R) Karen Schrank, Megan Westerfeld, Beth Siefert, Sheri Pulskamp, Stacy Weberding, Coach Paul, Anne Heile, Mollie Hoff, Rachel Konnersman, Liz Kolter and Liza Moll.

Below: Anne Heile strives for a kill with intense determination. Way to pound it, Honey Pie!



Above: The varsity volleyball team, plus Abby Eckstein and mascot Trixie, poses together after their delicious spaghetti dinner.

Left: Megan Westerfeld jumps and blocks the ball with amazing power. Megan's strategy is to combine her skills with making faces at her opponents.

Left: Rachel Konnersman leaps gracefully into the air to insure a perfect pass. Liz Kolter shouts encouragement to Rachel as she prepares to back her up.

TWISTERS MAKE HISTORY

Oldenburg Basketball Rocks!

By: Jami Herbert

The Oldenburg Academy Basketball Team won their first ever Sectional Championship this year. The Twisters have been in the tournament for twenty-one years, but they have never won the title. After beating the South Ripley Raiders in the first game, the Twisters moved on to meet the Jac-Cen-Del Eagles in the championship game. Defense was the key to the win, and the Twisters let the Eagles score only twenty-one points.

For the five seniors on the team, four years of hard work and dedication finally paid off. With the help of Butch Bergman, the team's coach, the Twisters finished the season with a record of 8-12.

Under Coach Dave Wall, the reserve team finished with a good record. All in all, the team did a great job. There was a lot of talent on the reserve team, and hopefully these girls will eventually lead the Twisters to Sectional win #2 next year! This year, however, the team did win the Milan tournament, which was a great achievement.

Right: Seniors Liz Kolter, Megan Westerfeld, Mollie Hoff, Anne Heile, and Jill Rennekamp pose with Athletic Director Ms. Huneke for a championship picture.

Right: Senior Liz Kolter jumps through the air to make a pass.

Left: The varsity team celebrates after winning the Sectional.

Above: Sophomore Jessica Marting goes for a rebound.

Left: Junior Becky Bradley shows off her great dribbling skills.

Above: Varsity Team: Front Row: (L to R) Beth Bohrer, Megan Westerfeld, Liz Kolter, Becky Bradley, and Maggie Lewis. Back Row: (L to R) Stephanie Wintz, Beth Neukam, Anne Heile, Jessica Marting, Mollie Hoff, Jill Rennekamp, and Coach Butch Bergman.

Left: Freshman Jessica McIntire defends the ball.

Above: Reserve Team: Front Row: (L to R) Deann Eckstein, Katie Cloppert, Jessica McIntire, Carrie Bradley, Erin Rennekamp, Beth Bohrer Back Row: (L to R) Stephanie Wintz, Julie Frazee, Jessica Marting, Beth Neukam, Regina Yane, Katie Geisen

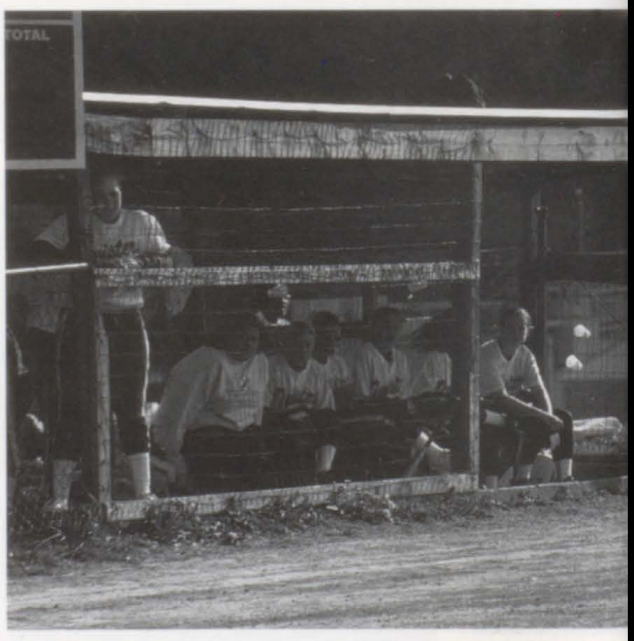
Swing that bat, and RUN, RUN, RUN

The Oldenburg Academy softball team had an excellent season despite many hardships - the hardest being the weather. They played games in the sun (not to often), the rain (no one will forget sectionals), the bitter cold where fans were scarce, and even the snow and sleet. They lost their starting center-fielder at the beginning, but Jessica McIntire did a great job as the replacement. They also had games where there would be one coach, or four. The coaches did an excellent job of motivating the team. Head coach was Tina Schrank who was with the team last year. The main assistant coach was Dan Eckstein and the two other coaches were Daryl Eckstein and Susie Nobbe.

The Twisters rapped up their 1997 season on May 28 in the first round of the sectional. Despite this loss, the team put forth their best effort throughout the season. They had 5 wins and 10 losses, which was the most wins the Twisters have had since the team began a few years ago. Both Kristie Johannigman and Jill Rennekamp had home runs during this season. There will be five seniors that will never again play on the Oldenburg Academy softball field a.k.a. "the cow pasture" a.k.a. "the OA soccer field". The team will lose Sarah Brackmann as catcher, Jill Rennekamp as pitcher, Mollie Hoff at first base, Megan Westerfeld at shortstop, and Erin Gates at third base. However, there are seven more players who can't wait until another exciting year of Twister softball, another chance to see if the outhouses at the field have gotten any cleaner, if there are any new flavors of Tina's wonderful cookies, and the possibility that Dan's hair has grown back.

~ Erin Gates

Above: (1st row - L to R) Mollie Hoff, Sarah Brackmann, Megan Westerfeld, Erin Gates, Jill Rennekamp and Coach Tina Schrank (2nd row - L to R) Regina Yane, Janel Moody, Erin Fledderman, Kristie Johannigman, Erin Rennekamp, Jessica McIntire, Jennifer Heaton, Deann Eckstein, Jenny Lecher, and Tabitha Mayes.



Left: Seniors Megan Westerfeld and Sarah Brackmann embraced after they slaughtered the East Central Trojans.

Above: The Twister's infield gathered for a pow-wow during a home game.

"The team really pulled together this year. We played well and had fun, too." said pitcher, Jill Rennekamp

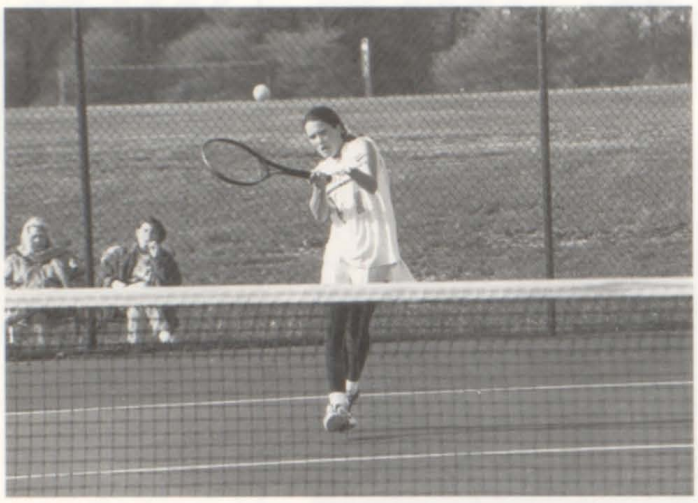
Scoreboard

Franklin County -	Defeated
Madison Con. -	Defeated
East Central -	Defeated
North Decatur -	Victorious
East Central -	Victorious
Triton Central -	Victorious
Franklin County -	Defeated
Greensburg -	Defeated
Madison Shawe -	Defeated
Rushville -	Defeated
Connersville -	Defeated
Switzerland County -	Victorious
Rising Sun -	Victorious
Richmond -	Defeated
Sectionals -	Defeated

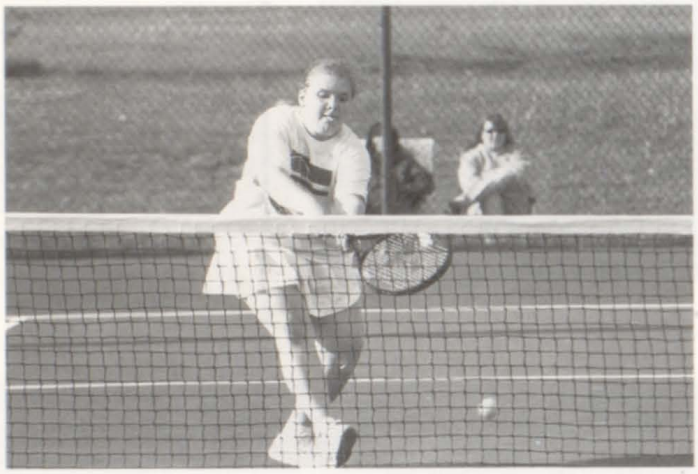
Above: Seniors Jill Rennekamp and Mollie Hoff race to get the out at first.

Left: A sentimental moment as the Twister's prepare to take the plate.

Below: #1 singles player, Meaghan Andrews prepares for a strategical backhand shot.

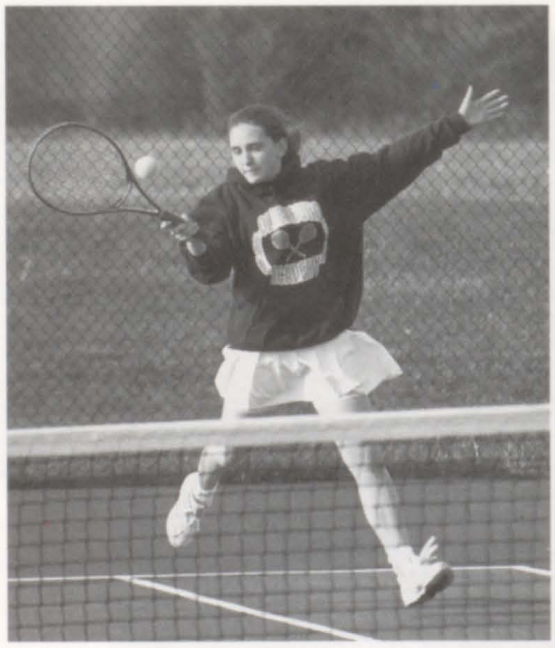


Above: Freshman Katy Geisen prepares to show her opponent whos boss with a powerful base line shot.



Above: "Come on Lori, you almost have it!" screams the fans as junior Lori Moster goes for the ball.

Right: Senior Jenni Blank flies through the air to poach a quickly approaching ball.



TENNIS

The 1997 Oldenburg Academy tennis season definitely deserves to be called a transitional rebuilding time. Having lost four varsity players, the remaining three had to take control as leaders to motivate the team to go for the wins.

The tennis team put up with a lot of obstacles and setbacks during this tennis season. This includes playing in snow while wearing bulky gloves and earmuffs, playing in rain, and playing in winds so strong that the game is against the wind, rather than the opponents. The team would like to make everyone aware that tennis is not a game to be played in rain, snow, or high winds.

The most important message the tennis team leaves to whomever it may concern is: do not attempt to dry 6 water-logged courts with one leaf-blower.

Above: Senior Rachel Konnersman reaches for a net shot and puts it away.

Left: The 1997 varsity tennis team members are (back row) Katy Geisen, Lori Moster, Leah Gregorio, Rachel Gibbs, Meaghan Andrews, Rachel Konnersman and Jessa Greiwe. Reserve tennis members are (front row) Jenni Blank, Emily Nimis, Amber Haislar, Jenny Doherty and Meredith Pank.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

The 1997 Twister track season left many people amazed by their strength and ability. Despite the setbacks of many injuries and not so kind weather, the team still hung together and put forth their best. Mrs. Diane Jessup, the teams assistant coach rost to the challenge of being a head coach when Merle Heines was unable to be there.

The track team made a good showing at sectionals with a first in the 3200m relay, 1600m relay, 1600m run, 800m run, and 400m run. The rest of our qualifiers were the 400m relay with a second, 200m dash with a third, and the 100m dash with fourth.

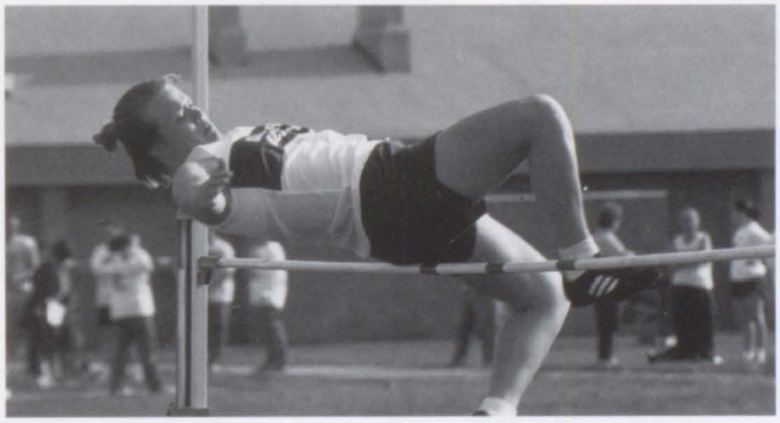
~ Jenny Hartman

Above: Standing from (L to R): Coach Merle Hines, Manager Katie Cloppert, Cori Beiersdorfer, Beth Siefert, Megan Hautman, Katie Gehring, Courtney Bell, Christine Frazer, Tricia Darling, Kate Widolff, and Coach Diane Jessup. Kneeling from (L to R): Jaimee Brielmaier, Carrie Bradley, Stephanie Moll, Jessi Williams, Becky Bradley, Maggie Lewis, Jessica Holland, Amanda Roehm, and Jenny Hartman.

Left: Junior Beth Siefert concentrating on a perfect throw. Aim for 110, Beth!

Above: Great form, Jenny Hartman!

Above: Throw that shot far, Amanda Roehm.



Above: Way to clear the bar, Maggie Lewis!

Left: Way to go, Courtney Bell! Two more laps to go, three more for the girl you just passed.

HELPING OUT...
92-109

ORGANIZATIONS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands is an organization that is made up of twenty students who wish to help others. The club meets once or twice a month to coordinate activities that will help people who are less fortunate than themselves. This year they adopted a child from Indonesia. Each month, a member wrote to her and let her know what went on in the United States and at Oldenburg Academy. Helping Hands also helped missionaries all over the world.

Annually the club holds a cutest baby contest. All of the proceeds go to help the missions. This year Helping Hands collected stamps that were used to help missionaries. The junior class won in this exciting feat.

Above: Officers Tori Dietz, Anita Adams, Erica Case, and Sheryl Scheele.

Right: Row 1- (L to R): Erin Fledderman and Corrine Kemper, row 2- (L to R): Amanda Johnson, Sheryl Scheele, Janel Moody, Sherry Obermeyer, and Kristie Hampson, row 3- (L to R): Tori Dietz, Erica Case, Lisa Giesting, and Amy Palm, row 4- (L to R): Stephanie Moll, Kristie Giesting, Anita Adams, Kim Hampson, Mary Sue Luhring, Katie Giesting, and Abbie Enneking.

Treehuggers Unite!

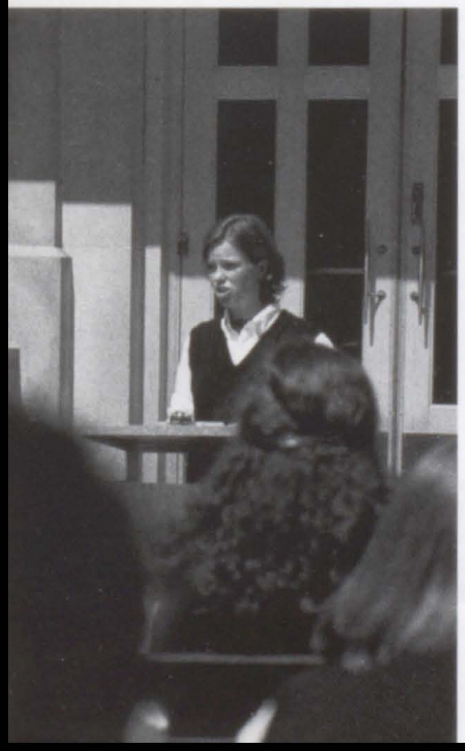
This year PEACE club did some major damage when it came to the all school paper recycling program. Oldenburg Academy came in a close second of all the high schools in the area in paper recycling. The club helped to eradicated styrofoam from the dining hall, and kept up with their paper boxes pretty well. Earth Day was a huge success because of the club's strategic planning. After the outdoor service on the most beautiful day of the whole year the school had an outdoor picnic. The guest speaker, Lisa Haile, gave a uplifting speech about saving the planet.

~ Audra Ransburg

Left: PEACE club officers Audra Ransburg, Erin Gates, and Rachel Konnersman hugging a tree.

Below: PEACE club members: front row (L to R): Erin Gates, Jennifer Berning, Jackie Paulson, Aimee Johnston, Jenni Blank, Christy Batta. Back row (L to R): Jenny Doherty, Corrine Kemper, Anne Heile, Rachel Konnersman, Robin Bessler, Sarah Walsman, Sarah Kindt, Tori Deitz, Ami Lecher.

Above: Students and trees at our Earth Day service. Gee, that was a great day.



Left: Audra Ransburg and Rachel Konnersman doing their duty by sorting recyclables...it's such a fun job!

Left: PEACE Club President Audra Ransburg giving her Earth Day address.

S. A. D. D.

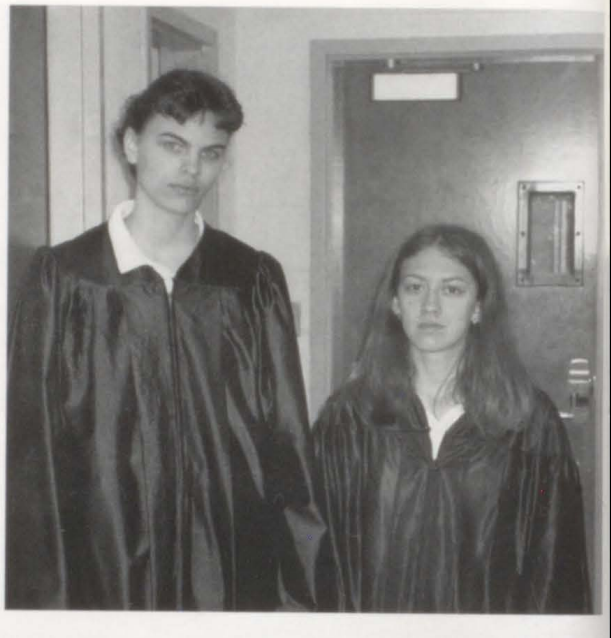
Below: S.A.D.D. members: Third Row (L to R) Tori Dietz, Sarah Brackmann, Kristi Hampson, Corrine Kemper, Amy Palm, Lisa Giesting, Kim Weiler, Beth Fussner, Shelly Green, and Janeta Scheele. Second Row (L to R) Sarah Walsman, Kim Hampson, Janel Moody, Mary Sue Luhring, Melissa Dwenger, Erin Gates, and Sarah Scheele. First Row (L to R) Amanda Johnson, Sarah Wuestefeld, and Stephanie Moll.

The Students Against Drinking and Driving (S.A.D.D.) Chapter once again worked in collaboration with local as well as national organizations to raise awareness of the dangers involved with substance abuse.

Efforts began early on in preparation for the year long activities. Their first major activity was The National Red Ribbon Week Campaign. Mr. Gene Personett, a probation officer for Ripley County, told of his life experiences in his line of work. In conjunction with Batesville High School, S.A.D.D. tied ribbons on cars in hopes of raising awareness in the community. In early December, S.A.D.D. held the annual Candlelight Walk in Batesville. This was a silent walk in memory of the thousands of innocent victims due to substance abuse. In May, the week before Prom, various activities were sponsored by S.A.D.D. to promote a substance free evening. Juniors and seniors were able to sign the National Prom Promise.

Members worked diligently throughout the whole year no matter the time or the activity to raise awareness of the serious issue of substance abuse among teens.

~ Sarah Wuestefeld



Above: S.A.D.D. Officers: (L to R) Amanda Johnson, Sarah Wuestefeld, Stephanie Moll, and Valarie Weiler.

Above right: Senior Anne Heile and junior Steph Moll are dressed in black during Prom week to symbolize those who have died from drinking and driving.

Right: Junior Amanda Walsman gazes while senior Corrine Kemper lies dead in a coffin.

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Spires, Oldenburg Academy's main source of news, gossip, and information, is put together by a select group of talented reporters and skilled typists. Getting the newspaper together is a multistep process that involves writing, revising, typing, printing, and selling. First, of course, ideas must be born, and the fertile imaginations of O.A. girls provided Spires with an abundance of inspired story ideas. Next, the copy is written, handed in, and carefully revised by Mrs. Yane. The typing of the paper involves a whole slew of people, though most people who help out have a class in the computer lab. Finally, the layout is chosen, and the articles are matched up with appropriate pictures, captions, and designs. After hundreds of copies have been printed, the beautiful, polished final product reaches the public. And that is how an issue of Spires is born!

Above: Tara Sharer, Editor-in-Chief

Left: The Spires Staff, Front Row (L to R): Christy McGovern, Noelle Wilhite, Erin Gates, Corrine Kemper, Angela Brackmann - Row 2: Tara Sharer, Sarah Brackmann, Leighann Stonefield, Maisha Maddox, Robin Bessler - Row 3: Christy Batta, Sarah Hagedorn, Tricia Darling, Beth Fussner, Beth Bohrer - Row 4: Abbie Enneking, Steph Moll, Katie Hagedorn, Jessica Ripley, Amber Haislar - Row 5: Amanda Johnson, Amy Palm Cara Gruber

Isn't 14 hours at school long enough?

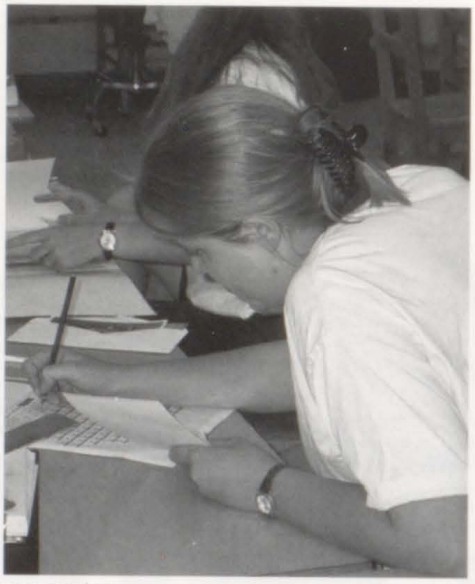
~CONCEPT

The 1997 Concept is breaking tradition. Editors Erin Gates and Jenni Blank attended a three day workshop at Hueston Woods to learn how to make this yearbook different than the past ones. The camp was not only work. They had pizza parties, took walks, and watched a car spontaneously combust (What about Bob?!?). Many good ideas came from this camp and when they returned to school they quickly organized a staff to carry out those ideas. The staff met every other Wednesday after school while all of the editors met every Wednesday. Long, precious hours were put into this book including many nights when the sun had gone down way before they were done working for the night. Everything was done with the help of the computer, the scanner, and Frank at Computer Support. Randy Amick was often here shooting team pictures or at his studio developing countless rolls of film for them. This book took a lot of hard work and dedication, but it was worth it.

~ Erin Gates

Below: "I got it out, but how do you get it back in?" wonders senior and co-editor Erin Gates.

Below: 1997 Concept members (top to bottom; L to R): Courtney Kelly, Rachel Konnersman, Sarah Kindt, Leighann Stonefield, Sarah Brackmann, Mr. Moll, Maisha Maddox, Jami Herbert, Megan Lawson, Rachel Gibbs, Erin Hart, Heather Heismann, Beth Fussner, Corrine Kemper, Jessi Faust, Becca Ford, Meredith McGovern, Jenny Hartman, Lori Moster, Tara Sharer, Christy Batta, Erin Gates, and Jenni Blank.



Above: Now that the tennis season is over, senior Rachel Konnersman can finally work on yearbook - on the tennis page.

Above right: Junior Amber Haislar gets to work on cropping pictures while senior Jenni Blank stops talking to Frank at Computer Support long enough to get some pages sent out.

Above far right: Senior and co-editor Jenni Blank loved yearbook so much that she worked on it around the clock.

Right: The faithful editors of the 1997 Concept. Starting at the bottom left: Co-editors Erin Gates and Jenni Blank, photo editor Jami Herbert, art editors Courtney Kelly and Rachel Konnersman, and copy editor Tara Sharer.

Below: Singing their hearts out at the Spring Concert. No comment on the hats.

The Academy Singers

The Academy Singers, ranging from sophomore to senior, are a choral group that meets on Tuesday and Wednesday. Membership is audition only.

The Academy Singers participate in the winter and spring concerts, as well as a few outside performances. This year, the Academy Singers performed at Northgate Mall, Dantes in Harrison, and the West Chester Rotary Club, to name a few.

Besides singing, members are required to dance and use props such as candles and flowers.

~Jenny Doherty

Left: Junior Tammie Engelking "cleans up" during her chimney sweep impersonation.

Above: (L-R) Angie Brackmann, Elizabeth Wehner, Cara Gruber, Amber Haislar, Tammie Engelking, Jennifer Berning, Sara Simmermeyer, Molly Fullenkamp, Gloria Moster, Noelle Wilhite, Anne Schneider, Amanda Johnson, Jenny Doherty, Lori Moster, Sarah Scheele, Sherry Obermeyer and Amy Palm.

Left: Oh, Christmas Tree; Oh, Christmas Tree!

Art Club
Quality Not Quantity

Art Club has accomplished some pretty impressive projects this year under the leadership of Rachel Konnersman, Courtney Kelly, Christy McGovern and Audra Ransburg. The devoted members of this year's art club have been instrumental in these accomplishments.

Art Club painted a dazzling snow scene from *The Polar Express* as a backdrop for the Christmas concert. The art club also put forth diligent effort in climbing rickety, life-threatening scaffolding to accomplish this great feat. The most magnificent project that Art Club undertook this year was a colorful mural on the once bland gym wall. Art Club faced many treacherous janitorial duties in cleaning up crusty spiderwebs and mangled spider corpses to prepare the wall for its makeover. This nature and sports-oriented scene will be an eternal symbol of Art Club at its finest.

Below: The Art Club members are, from left back zigzagging to right front, Tabitha Mayes, Courtney Kelly, Christy McGovern, Rachel Konnersman, Amber Haislar, Corrine Kemper, Kristina Giesting, Tammie Engelking, Stephanie Wissel, Kimberly Weiler, Courtney Bell, Molly Fullenkamp, Amanda Johnson, Robin Bessler, Noelle Wilhite, Abbey Collins, Sara Simmermeyer, Beth Fussner, Amy Palm, Katie Hagedorn, Lisa Giesting, Katie Giesting, Sarah Huffmeyer, Liza Moll, Kara Heinlein, Tara Schebler, and Meredith McGovern.

Above: Seniors Christy McGovern, Shelly Green, Rachel Konnersman, and Audra Ransburg discuss the details of the gym mural.

Above Right: Senior Christy McGovern gleams pleasurefully as she remembers painting the living room walls at home as a young child.

Right: Mural artists staring mischeviously, squatting, hanging contortedly over metal bars, and painting without looking. Seniors Christy McGovern, Rachel Konnersman, Audra Ransburg, Shelly Green and Courtney Bell take over the gym.

DRAMA CLUB

Contrary to popular belief, the Drama Club was active this school year - sort of. The two things that the club did was put on the spring play, Fighting For Myself, and conduct the inductions to the The International Thespian Society - Troupe 5302. The members of the Drama Club included not only those who wanted to act, but also those who were a major part of the backstage production. The members learned better acting techniques on acting and did a great job in all they did.

Left: The 1997 Drama Club: (Row 1, L to R) Molly Fullenkamp, Amber Haislar, Cara Gruber, Monique Rust, and Rachel Little. (Row 2, L to R) Corrine Kemper, Robin Bessler, Christy McGovern, Shelly Green, Kim Weiler, Erin Gates, Kira Stegman, and Stephanie Lloyd. (Row 3, L to R) Traci Taylor, Amy Palm, Amanda Johnson, Beth Dole, Elizabeth Wehner, Christine Frazer, Lori Moster, Emily Nimis, and Tabitha Mayes. (Row 4, L to R) Carina Jeep, Beth Bohrer, Arien Johnston, Mary Raver, Jessica Ripley, Meredith McGovern, Jenny Doherty, Megan Lawson, Rachel Gibbs, and Tammie Engelking. (Row 5, L to R) Tricia Darling, Becca Ford, Jennifer Berning, Gloria Moster, Ami Johnston, Jenny Hartman, Beth Siefert, and Sarah Walsman.

Right: Senior Kim Hampson takes a break from teaching junior Anita Adams how to use the potentially dangerous, and very sensitive light board.

Junior Achievement

Below: Senior Sarah Wuestefeld (Company President) is congratulated by Board President.

Have you ever wondered what really happens on the "inside" of a company? Junior Achievement which operates in conjunction with BHS, once again provided students with this awesome opportunity. As with any "real" company money was involved. The process began with the selling of stock. We then elected officers: Presidents and Vice-Presidents of marketing, human resources, finance, and production. Sarah Wuestefeld served as President of Production, Allison Schmalenberg Vice-President of Marketing, Kate Hagedorn Vice-President of Human Resources, and Kim Kretschmann was Vice-President of Finance. The OA JA team worked together to produce and sell festive votive candles, angels, and mice. We experienced through hands on learning the ups and downs of running a company. In the end we returned $3.85 / dollar original investment to our shareholders. Together, with hard work, dedication, and team work JA had another successful year.

~ Sarah Wuestefeld

> "JA is a good experience to see what the business world is really like."
> ~ Allison Schmalenberg

Top: Officers (L to R): Megan Hautman, Becca Ford, Kate Hagedorn, Sarah Wuestefeld, Jennifer Berning, Allison Schmalenberg, and Stephanie Moll. Absent: Kim Kretschmann

Bottom: Tommorrow's Leader Officer team is recognized for their leadership. (Juniors Kim Kretschmann, Allison Schmalenberg, Kate Hagedorn and Senior Sarah Wuestefeld)

Above: Tommorows Leaders (Row 1- L to R): Sarah Hagedorn and Traci Taylor (Row 2 - L to R): Stephanie Lloyd, Sarah Huffmeyer, Allison Schmalenberg, Becca Ford, Jennifer Berning, Tricia Darling, and Katie Gehring (Row 3 - L to R): Sherry Obermeyer, Kate Widolff, Melissa Dwenger, Jessi Faust, Kim Hampson, Sarah Wuestefeld, Stephanie Moll, Kate Hagedorn, Megan Hautman, Amanda Walsman, Janel Moody, Mary Sue Luhring, and Kristie Hampson. Absent: Kim Kretschmann

National Honor Society

NHS conducted a variety of different activities this year. Two days a week after school, NHS students made themselves available in order to tutor students in a variety of subjects especially for dreaded the Chemistry tests. In the fall around Thanksgiving, canned food was collected for the local food pantry. After the second semester began, the club reenergized over dinner at the Olive Garden in a festive Italian atmosphere. In the spring, NHS traveled to the Wemle boys home in Richmond. Everyone enjoyed playing elementary games such as SPUD, kickball, and Red Rover outside. The afternoon's conclusion included pop, snacks, and playing games such as Yahoo Buckaroo and Guess Who? In late spring, induction was held for sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Left: NHS Members - L to R: Elizabeth Kolter, Megan Westerfeld, Sara Simmermeyer, Dorothy Honnert, Noelle Wilhite, Amber Haislar, Cara Gruber, Lori Moster, Abby Eckstein, Amanda Johnson, Karen Schrank, Sarah Wuestefeld, Erin Gates, Elizabeth Wehner, and Erica Case.

Above: Junior Abby Eckstein gives a smile while spending the afternoon at Wemle.

Above: NHS officers - L to R: Dorothy Honnert, Elizabeth Wehner, Cara Gruber, and Sarah Wuestefeld.

Left: Mrs. Langley sports an elephant look for the Wemle boys.

Academy Ambassadors

The Academy Ambassadors faced many trials throughout the 96-97 school year. Our greatest challenge was the change of advisors. Mrs. Deardorff took command of recruiting, while the club kept the back burner warm. The Ambassadors were active in the Open House, and they were constantly welcoming visiting 8th graders. The club held only a few meetings and didn't accomplish much, but it was still fun to be a part of it. Each member of the student body acted as an ambassador for Oldenburg Academy, and everyone did a fine job! Special thanks to the Academy Singers, who sang their hearts out for O.A., and STUCO, who provided the club with a recruiting TV and VCR.

> "I think that the club helped to raise awareness about the school."
>
> Jenni Blank, Senior

Above: Sophomore Beth Bohrer, Junior Allison Schmalenberg, and Senior Christy Batta wait for the next people to escort through Oldenburg Academy.

Right: Fourth Row (L to R): Corrine Kemper, Tara Sharer, Sarah Brackmann, Leighann Stonefield, and Tori Dietz. Third Row (L toR): Rachel Gibbs, Lisa Geisting, Megan Lawson, Jenny Doherty, Amy Palm, and Jenni Blank. Second Row (L to R): Erin Gates, Lori Moster, Amanda Johnson, Beth Dole, Jessi Faust, and Amy McGill. First Row: (L to R): Traci Taylor, Amber Haislar, and Cara Gruber.

Below: Even O.J. Simpson showed up for Foreign Language Club Week!

Below: Foreign Language Club Officers (L to R): Erin Fledderman, Tara Sharer, Jenni Blank, Sarah Brackmann

HOLA! BONJOUR! HALLO!

Though the Foreign Language Club got off to a slow start, the club became more popular as the year went on and as the student's enthusiasm for foreign languages grew. The excitement culminated in the extraordinarily hilarious Foreign Language Week Talent Show. Once again, the Foreign Language Club sold buttons with cute sayings like 'Chic!' (or, for the linguistically challenged, 'Cool!') to raise money. At the club's annual Christmas party, Mr. Moll's lovely wife provided club members with scrumptious ethnic food. The most exciting event of the year was the week-long celebration of strange and exotic tongues which is more commonly known as Foreign Language Week. Everyone ate croissants, said 'oui' and 'si', and had tons of fun!

> Vice-president Tara Sharer notes, "The Foreign Language Club is very, very, very fun. Everyone should join!"

Left: Foreign Language Club: First Row (L to R): Amanda Johnson, Christy McGovern, Cara Gruber, Corrine Kemper. Second Row (L to R): Mollie Hoff, Meaghan Andrews, Janel Moody, Erica Case, Robin Bessler, Jenni Blank, Erin Fledderman, Sarah Brackmann, Tara Sharer, Beth Dole, Amy Palm, Angela Brackmann

1996-1997 ATHLETES

Below: Let's go Twisters!

Lets Get Fired Up!

The 1996-1997 Spirit Squad started off with a bang. The squad cheered on the determined Oldenburg Academy Twister Sports Teams at every home game and really worked to get the crowd involved too. They organized several pep rallies to get the fans in the bleachers standing proud to cheer on their Mighty Twisters. For the 1996-97 school year, leading the pack were the team's co-captains, Kim Hampson and Tammi Engelking.

~ Kim Hampson

Above: "We've got spirit, Yes we do, We've got spirit, How 'bout you?!"

Above Left: Pep Squad gets things going at an O.A. basketball game.

Left: (L to R) Jessi Combs, Alisha Peetz, Andi Roach, Tammi Engelking, Sarah Walsman, Tabitha Mayes, Kim Hampson.

Student Council Insider Information

~ Courtney Kelly

STUCO is made up of individual class officers that are voted in by YOU, the students of O.A. Each class is put in charge of certain activities throughout the school year. Our STUCO officers are seniors that we vote on to basically decide on and run activities for the school.

Freshmen student council officers are the bravest officers in STUCO. They are the courageous souls that choose to stand up and become a leader without knowing anyone in the school. They are the ones that often get stuck with menial tasks that upperclassmen prefer not to do. One of those tasks being serving refreshments at Semi.

Sophomores begin to take on more responsibility in the school by planning out Semi. This is not an easy job- just ask them to tell you of the toil and tribulation they experienced. Sophomores also get the privilege of choosing a class sweatshirt. This always amounts to a lot of fun and a lot of conflicts in style. Whether their sweatshirts are purple, gray, or black with khaki writing the Sophomores are always proud.

Juniors take all of their experience as Sophomores and plan the biggest dance of all: PROM. In some this word strikes terror. This is usually a time for class bonding and problem solving. The juniors are also in charge of planning the senior mass. This is a way for the juniors to express their love, admiration, and awe for the seniors.

Senior year the student council officers are the ones responsible for picking a little sis, junior induction, and all the wonderful decisions involved with graduation. Seniors also get to fight for their senior privileges which include such cool things as dining outside, dressing out on Fridays, and everyones favorite privilege of being exempt from exams if the senior has an A average for the second semester.

All of these class officers are guided by the STUCO officers which are in charge of running meetings to plan out such wonderful activities as the Back-to-School Orientation, Haunted House, and Father/Daughter Dance. These officers are also in charge of coming up with a theme for the school year. This year they decided on GIRLS JUST WANNA... AND HAVE FUN as our theme. As student council officers mature they receive more responsibilities and a greater sense of leadership.

Right: The 1996-1997 Student Council Officers

Left: Sophomore Class Officers: Second Row (L to R) Gloria Moster and Molly Miller. Front Row (L to R) Aimee Johnston, Rachel Little, and Katie Gehring.

Below: Freshman Class Officers: Top (L to R) Rita Krekeler, and Jessica Holland. Bottom (L to R) Amanda Roehm, Sandy Gerster, and Allison Doyle.

Above Right: Senior Class Officers: Back Seat (F to B) Mollie Hoff, Liz Kolter, Jami Herbert. Front seat shotgun: Courtney Kelly, and Driver Meaghan Andrews.

Above: Junior Class Officers: (L to R) Lori Moster, Allison Schmalenberg, Abby Eckstein, Amber Haislar, and Cara Gruber.

Left: STUCO Officers: Top (L to R) Sara Simmermeyer and Dorothy Hornert. Bottom (L to R) Anne Heile and Audra Ransburg

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HERE...110-113
GRADUATION

Graduation

Below: Anxiously awaiting to start commencement, the seniors pose together for one last time as a group.

Throughout the four years of hard work and dedication, the seniors finally made it through to graduation. They had many great memories as a class and as individuals, including "Hunk the Chef." Now as the seniors see each other for the last time as Academy Girls, they must look toward the future. They must be able to look upon the wealth of information that Oldenburg Academy has brought to them and figure out the "real life" meaning of it.

~ Jenni Blank

Above: The proud graduates as they are leaving the ceremony.

Above right: Jami Herbert walks towards her seat before graduation begins.

Right: Tassel turning symbolizes a step in a new direction for all.

Left: Oldenburg Academy's Valedictorian, Tara Sharer, gives the seniors and their families a heart-lifting talk.

Below: Okay, so who said that the seniors could sing??

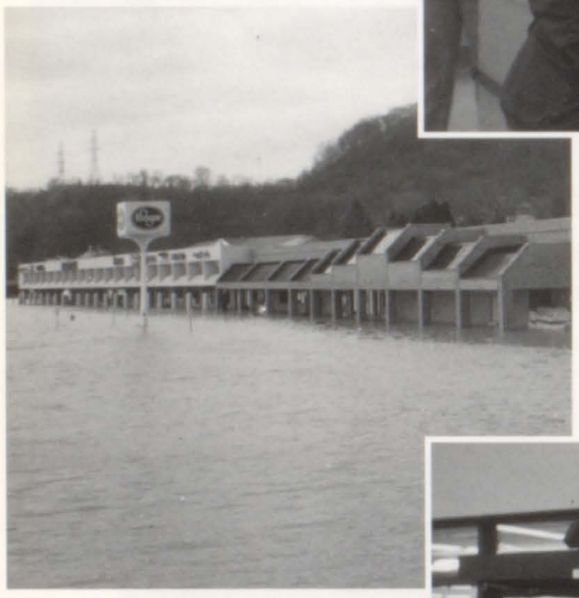
Above: Elizabeth Johnston, you finally made it after four years of hard work.

Left: The height of the hats is only half of the height of their success.

Above: Graduation can bring tears to just about everyone.

Left: Salutatorian, Megan Westerfeld makes her last talk to the Oldenburg family at commencement

Right: Sarah Kindt gives the sign of peace with Maisha's father.



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Dearest Leah,

We pray that God will continue to bless you with the ability, the courage, and the understanding to accomplish all of your ambitions.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Neal

Kim

To our little Princess and OA Twister, we wish you much happiness and success in the future!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Kristi, & Kenny

Abby

We are very proud of you!
Congratulations!

We love you,
Mom & Dad

MAY YESTERDAY'S ADVENTURES AND EXPERIENCES
ALWAYS BE A PART OF YOUR FUTURE.
WE LOVE YOU, AUDRA PAUDRA.

XOXO

MOM & DAD

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Total focus and sheer determination can compensate for so many things beyond
our control
The turtle has developed an attitude of
perseverance in the face of obstacles
in spite of
and, perhaps,
because of
The burden of carrying its house wherever it goes.

Dad, Mom, Jennifer, Amy, Chad,
Marisa, and Branden

What a lovely daughter you've always been.....
feeling so proud of the woman you've become.

Love you,
Mom and Dad

Christy,

Congratulations! May you always know joy, peace, and harmony in your life.

With Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Sarah!

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Jenni
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Bryan, Brandon, Corey, and Savanna

Congratulations Sarah!
We are very proud that you are the last of four daughters to graduate from Oldenburg Academy, and the end of an era of three generations.
Good Luck at St. Mary's.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Don't worry be happy.
Love,
Dad

Mollie,

I am so proud of all you do.
Always remember God and I will love you always! Keep the faith.
Love,
Mom

I'm proud to be your brother.
Good Luck! And make me even more proud!
Love,
Bill

Dont worry, be cool.
Love,
Joe

While we try to teach about life; our children teach us what life is all about.

I love you Rachel!
love, Hilary K.

Rudy, I know you'll be the best at anything you choose. Peace, Love, and Rock n Roll
Love, Tom

RACHEL – (J)
thanks more sister... miss a room h be being than a I'll living mate
g/L Suzanne ©

Rachel – Good luck! Always remember Bart the cat & the time you got dumped on your head, and you'll be just fine. I'll miss you next year.
I love you, Lori

Dear Rachel – Please remember all our fun family trips – Florida, Tennessee, Bahamas. You are very special to all of us. You are part of the family picture. Please don't go too far from it. Be happy in whatever you decide to do!
Love Mom

Rachel, Thanks for being a real cool sister!!! :)
PAU

You are my favorite sister Rachel, I am serious!
Love, Liz

REBECCA LYNN

From the moment you were born
On that 4th of July morn
You filled our lives with pleasure
That we will always treasure
As a child you were a delight
As a student you are bright
As a daughter, sister, aunt or friend
You are an endearing, delightful blend
Of loveliness, joy, and charm
And your heart is always toasty warm
May your future bring health, happiness and success
Wisdom, knowledge and all of life's best
We wish you fulfillment and lots of love
And may it all be blessed by our Father above

All Our Love,
Your Family

CONGRATULATIONS, AUNT BECKY

We're so proud of you Rebecca

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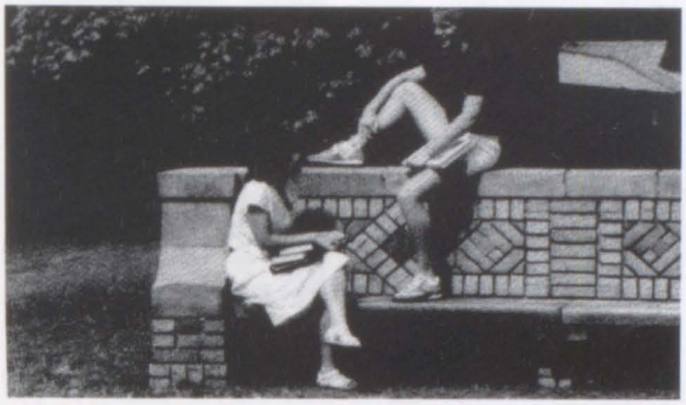

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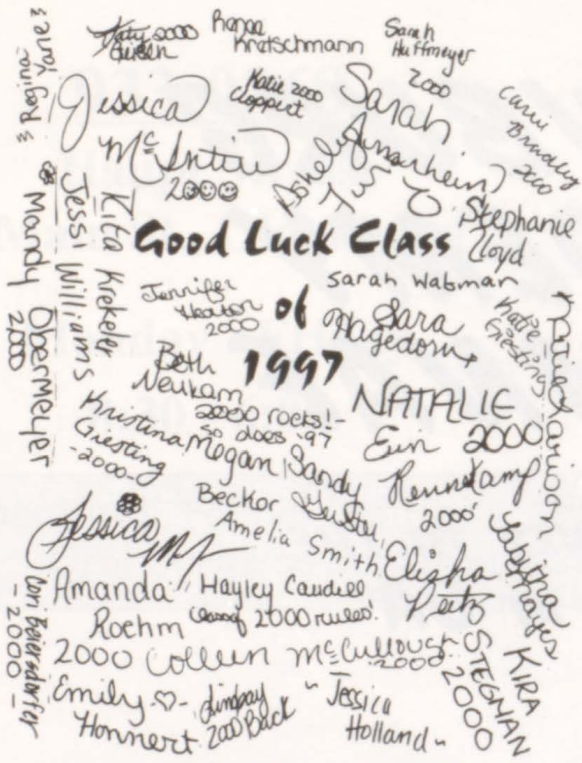

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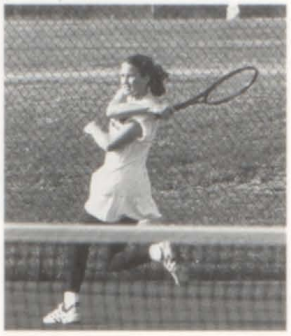

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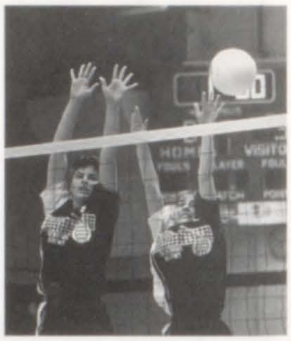

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